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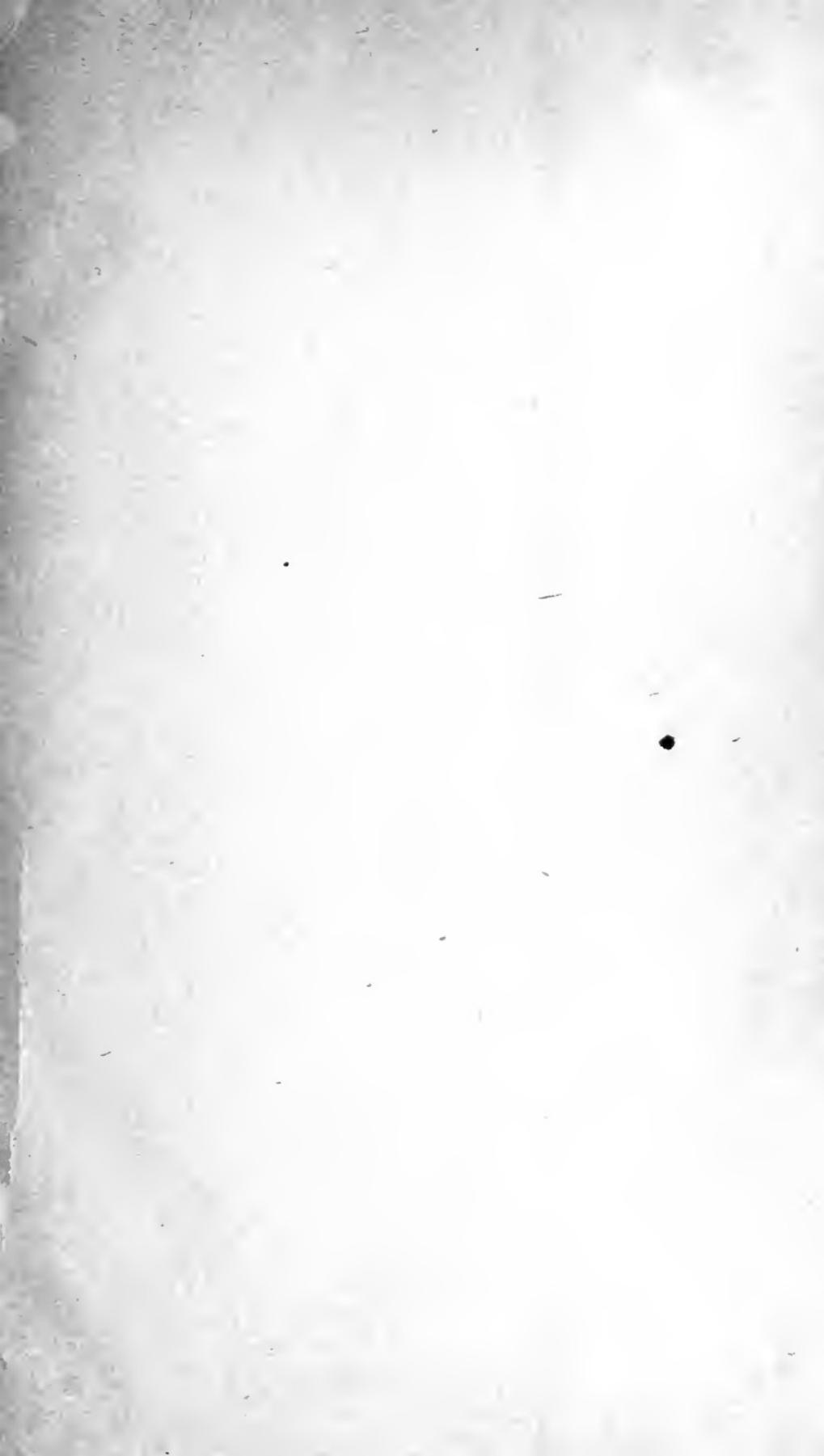
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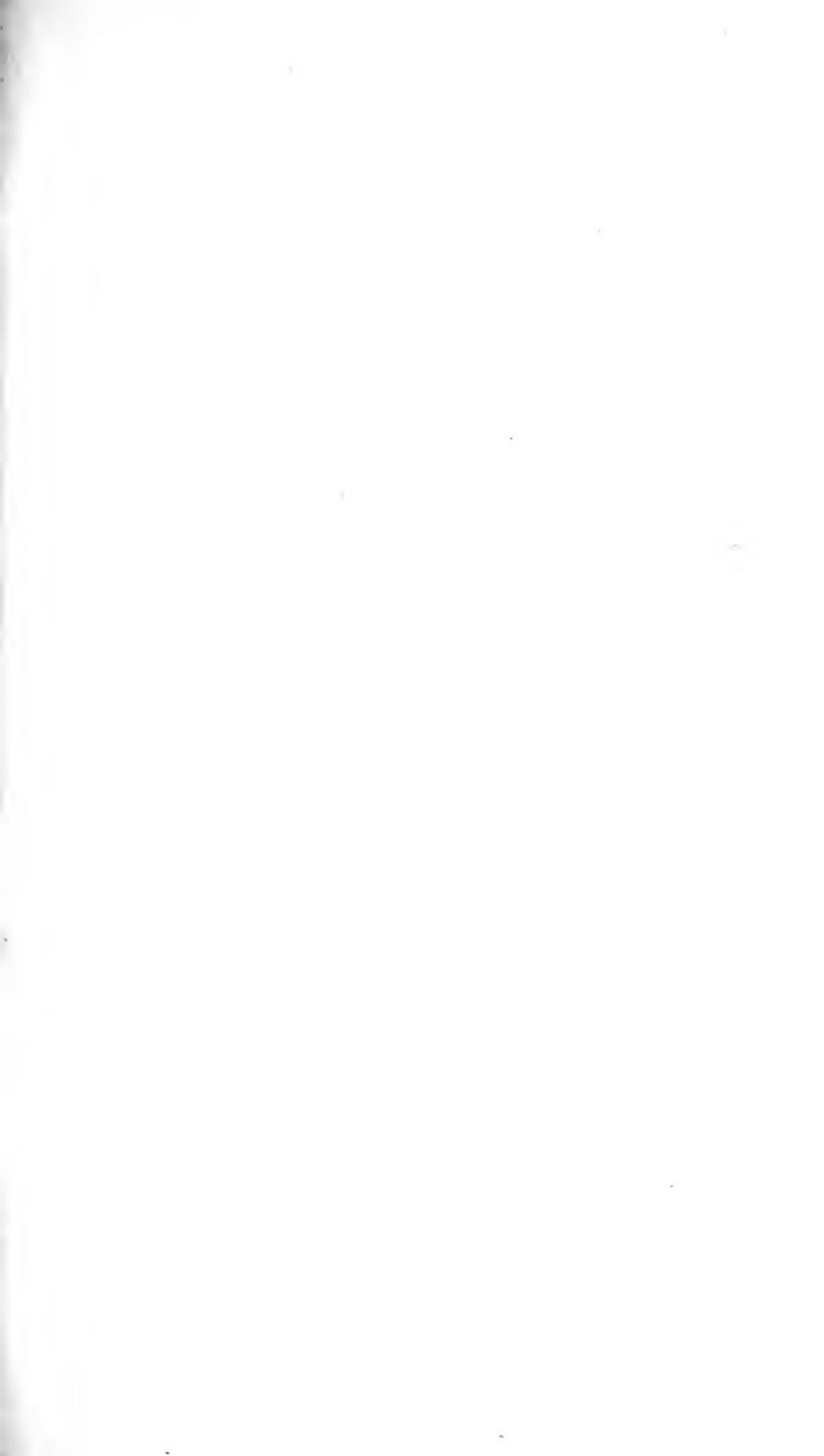
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

—OF—

Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons

OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO,

—AT—

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

—HELD AT—

*Maitland, 22nd August, A. L. 5888 ; Langton, 22nd May,
A. L. 5889 ; and Wellington, 26th June, A. L. 5889.*

—ALSO AT THE—

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT THE TOWN OF OWEN SOUND,

—ON THE—

17th and 18th July, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889.



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GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at St. James' Masonic Hall, in the Village of Maitland, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of August, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro.	J. Reynolds, P.D.G.M.,	as Grand Master.
V. W. " "	J. Dumbrille,	as Deputy Grand Master.
W. " "	P. W. D. Broderick,	as Grand Senior Warden.
W. " "	Geo. Gale,	as " Junior "
" "	D. F. Bogart,	as " Chaplain.
" "	R. J. Kelly,	as " Treasurer.
" "	John F. Wood,	as " Registrar.
" "	N. B. Colcock,	as " Secretary.
" "	W. R. Scace,	as " Asst. Secretary.
" "	G. W. McEathron,	as " Senior Deacon.
" "	Donald W. Ross,	as " Junior "
" "	Geo. A. Allen,	as " Supt. of Works.
" "	E. A. Robinson,	as " Architect.
W. " "	R. G. Hervey,	as " Dir. of Cer.
" " "	A. Burritt,	as " Sword Bearer.
" " "	Thos. Brady,	as " Organist.
" " "	W. J. Wright,	as " Asst. Organist.

	Bro. Rufus S. Throop,	as Grand Stewards.
	“ Jno. Anderson,	
	“ Howard Bissell,	
W.	“ Albert Pearson,	
	“ Chas. B. Lemon,	
	“ Jas. Alexander,	
	“ Elgin Row,	
	“ John L. Wood,	
	“ W. J. McDougall,	
W.	“ Robt. Grant.	
	“ John Dargavel	
	“ N. T. Stevens,	
	“ James Norris,	
	“ A. C. Johns,	
	“ P. Perry,	as “ Pursuivant.
	“ John Grant	as “ Tyler.

Masters, Past Masters and brethren selected from the following lodges represented: Sussex, No. 5, Brockville ; Moira, No. 11, Belleville ; St. John's, No. 20, London ; Ontario, No. 26, Port Hope ; St. Francis, No. 28, Smith's Falls ; Merrickville, No. 55, Merrickville ; St. James, No. 74, Maitland ; Central, No. 110, Prescott ; Simpson, No. 157, Newboro ; Merritt, No. 168, Welland ; Builders, No. 177, Ottawa ; Zetland, No. 326, Toronto ; Salem, No. 368, Brockville ; Harmony, No. 370, Delta ; Copestone, No. 373, Welland ; Crystal Fountain, No. 389, North Augusta ; were present and took part in the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form at 11 a. m.

After the Grand Lodge was opened the brethren, headed by the band of the 42nd Battalion, proceeded to the site of the new church where a temporary platform was erected for their convenience. After the singing of "Old Hundred," the Incumbent read the 7th chapter of 2nd Samuel. The acting Grand Master then spoke as follows :

Men, women and children assembled here to-day : Know all of you that we are lawful Masons, true to the laws of our

Country, faithful in our allegiance to our Sovereign, and established of old with peace and honor (in most countries) to do good to our Brethren and fellow creatures, to assist in the erection of buildings, and to fear God who is the Great Architect of all things.

We have certain secrets which must not be revealed ; they have been handed down to us and intrusted to our keeping from time immemorial, but these secrets are lawful and honorable, and were it not that our Craft is good, and our calling honest, we would not have existed for so many centuries, nor would so many illustrious men have participated in our ceremonies, and countenanced our proceedings.

We know that our Order is founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and that it inculcates the strict observance of those *Golden Rules* :—“Do unto others as you would they should do unto you,” and “love thy neighbour as thyself;” and it teaches also, and calls upon its members to practice that *charity of tongue*, as well as of *heart*, which would rather veil than blazon the errors of others ; *that charity* which our *first great light the Bible* declares “thinketh no evil and never faileth,” and without which, “though a man give of his goods and his money to the poor, his work is as nothing.”

It has been said by the outside world, and no doubt with considerable truth, “you have bad men in your ranks,” but it should be remembered that a black sheep may find his way into any flock perhaps in consequence of the portals or barriers being insufficiently or improperly guarded, or from some other unforeseen cause. It is not fair that the Craft or its principles should be therefore condemned. Our endeavour is to extend our privileges to good and worthy men alone ; Masonry makes good men better, and as it draws its inspiration from the Bible, its lessons are pure.

We seek to teach men so to live that they may not fear to die, and that to the good virtuous man, death hath no terrors equal to the stain of falsehood and dishonor. The good Mason is one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrow ;

the distressed prefer his suits—one whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.

Though “the paths of glory lead but to the grave,” yet

“ Lives of great men all remind us
 We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
 Footprints on the sands of time ;
Footprints that perhaps another,
 Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
 Seeing shall take heart again.”

In all ages Masons have borne their part in the erection of stately and other edifices; but in none do they take so hearty an interest as in those intended for the public worship of God—the promulgation of His wise, beneficent, and just laws and commands and the making known His most inexhaustible mercies.

To operative Masons, the corner or foundation stone of every building is of primary importance, but for Free Masons it has a special significance, and indeed every newly made brother has his attention called to the fact that he figuratively represents that stone, and is admonished upon the foundation then and there laid to build a superstructure perfect in all its parts,—honourable to our antient institution, and creditable to himself.

By request of the Incumbent and Building Committee of St. George’s Church, we appear here to-day to assist in the interesting ceremony of laying with appropriate forms, and according to antient custom, the foundation or corner stone of this new Church, intended to supply the wants of the English Church people in this flourishing neighbourhood.

May this building be carried on to a successful completion and may it answer every end had in view by those who projected it, and when completed may the word spoken within its walls be spoken with such power that it may never be spoken in vain.

The Acting Grand Secretary then stepped forward and pro-

ceeded to read the documents and place the several articles in the tin box to be deposited in the stone. First was the notice to W. Bro. Burritt, from R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, convening an especial communication of Grand Lodge for the 22nd August, in the Lodge Room at Maitland for the purpose of laying the corner stone. Next was the scroll, beautifully engrossed, which read as follows:—

In the Name and by the Favor of Almighty God,

ON THE 22ND DAY OF AUGUST, A. D. 1888, A. L. 5888,

And in the 22nd year of the reign of our
Beloved Sovereign,

Queen Victoria,

By the Grace of God Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India
and the dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australasia,
Dominion of Canada, etc., etc.,

The Rt. Hon. SIR FREDERICK ARTHUR STANLEY, BARON
STANLEY OF PRESTON,

In the County of Lancaster in the Peerage of Great Britain, K. C. B.,
being Governor-General of Canada and Vice-Admiral of the same,

The Hon SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, G. C. M. G., being
Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Ontario,

The Rt. Hon. SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, K. C. B., G. C. M. G.,
P. C., being Premier of Canada,

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario,

WALTER SHANLY, Esq., M. P., for the Riding of South Grenville,

F. J. FRENCI, Esq., M. P. P., for the County of Grenville,

RICHARD THOMAS WALKEM, Q. C., M. W. Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada,

W. BRO. P. W. D. BRODERICK, Esq., W. M. of Salem Lodge
No. 368, G. R. C.,

W. BRO. ALBERT BURRITT, Esq., W. M. of St. James' Lodge,
No. 74, G. R. C.,

The Rt. Rev. JOHN TRAVERS LEWIS, D. D., Bishop of Ontario,

Rev. JOHN STREET LAWDER, D. C. L., Archdeacon of Ontario, and
Commissary of the Bishop,

The Rev. RICHARD LEWIS, M A., Rural Dean of Grenville,
Rector of Augusta,

The Rev. G. S. ANDERSON, Curate,

The Corner Stone

Of this ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

Was laid by Rt. W. Bro. JAMES REYNOLDS, P. D. D. G. M., St.
Lawrence District, attended and assisted by an especial Grand Lodge
of Free Masons of Canada and various Lodges and Brethren,
whom may God prosper."

A document of considerable local interest was then read as follows :—

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN AUGUSTA.

A short sketch of the history of the Church of England in the Parish of Augusta in the County of Grenville, Province of Ontario :—

"The first church in this Parish was erected about the year 1809, near the centre of the front part of the Township of Augusta, and was called the Blue Church from the color it was painted. Services were occasionally held in this Church until the year 1813. It was afterwards burned down and the present small one built for the use of funeral services.

"In 1813 the Rev. John Bethune, afterwards Dean of Montreal, was placed in charge of the Mission of Augusta. He continued at his post until 1819, when he exchanged with the Rev. John Leeds, at that time Rector of Montreal. Mr. Leeds continued in Augusta until 1821, when he took charge of the Mission of Elizabethtown and Brockville and was succeeded in Augusta by the Rev. Robt. Blakie (who was sent out to Canada by the Society for the propagation of the Gospel,) and was afterwards appointed Rector of the Parish of Augusta.

"In 1820, St. John's Church, Prescott, was opened for divine service, and in 1826 St. James' Church, Maitland, was erected, and opened for divine service in 1827. The first

Church Wardens of St. James' Church were George Longley and Dunham Jones.

"Mr. Blakie was assisted in the latter part of his life, first by Rev. T. Leach, second by Rev. T. A. Parnell, and third by Rev. E. W. Beaven. Mr. Blakie died in 1858 and was succeeded by the Rev. Richard Lewis, M. A., now Rural Dean. In 1862 Mr. Lewis was assisted by the Rev. James Bogert, and in the same year Mr. Lewis retired from the charge of Prescott and took up his residence in Maitland, where he still lives, and is assisted by the Rev. G. S. Anderson.

"In 1886 Christ Church was erected by subscription at Lord's Mill in this Parish, under the perseverance and supervision of Rev. R. Lewis, and now on the 22nd day of August, 1888, the Corner Stone of St. George's Church is laid by His Honor Judge James Reynolds, of Brockville, P. D. D. G. M. of A. F. & A. M. Grand Lodge of Canada.

"This Church is to be built by subscription under the praiseworthy exertions of the Curate, Rev. G. S. Anderson, and the land on which it stands was kindly given by Mrs. Shepherd, widow of the late Thomas Shepherd.

"Previous to the erection of the church at Lord's Mills, Divine Service was held in the School House there, and at the Temperance Hall, near the site of this Church.

J. DUMBRILLE,

Church Warden, St. James' Church."

MAITLAND, Aug. 22nd, 1888.

The above documents, together with variour silver and copper coins and copies of the *Dominion Churchman*, Toronto *Empire* and *Globe*, Montreal *Gazette*, Brockville Daily and Weekly *Times* and Daily and Weekly *Recorder* and the Pres-

cott *Messenger*, were then placed in the tin box and deposited in the cavity of the corner stone.

Mr. Arthur Shepherd, Chairman of the Building Committee, with a few appropriate remarks then presented to R. W. Bro. Reynolds a silver trowel bearing a suitable inscription, for which R. W. Bro. Reynolds expressed his thanks.

The cement having been spread upon the corner stone, the upper stone was lowered with three halts at which intervals the band played bars of solemn music. When it had been guided into its place the Acting Grand Junior Warden applied the Plumb Rule, the Acting Grand Senior Warden the Level and the Acting Deputy Grand Master the Square, when the Acting Grand Master finished the work by declaring it "well made," "truly laid," "true and trusty," and invoking a blessing upon the undertaking.

"The Church's one foundation" was then sung by the choir, after which corn was strewn upon the stone and wine and oil were poured upon it, when the Acting Grand Chaplain invoked a blessing, at the conclusion of which, the public Grand Honors were given by the Brethren. An appropriate hymn was then sung by the choir. The Superintendent of Works then presented the plans, which were approved of by the Acting Grand Master and presented (with the implements applied to the stone) to the architect. The building was then handed over to the Rev G. S. Anderson, Incumbent, for completion. The Acting Grand Master in conclusion tendered the congratulations of the Brethren to the Rev. gentleman upon the success which his labours and those of the Building Committee had been attended with and proposed three good hearty cheers for the Queen, which were enthusiastically given.. The

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band then played the National Anthem while the Brethren retired to their Lodge Room, and Grand Lodge was closed *in form.*

ATTEST :



J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Village of Langton, in the County of Norfolk, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889.

PRESENT:

R. W. Bro. Wm. McDonald, D.D.G.M., as Grand Master.
" " W. S. Law, as Deputy Grand Master.
" " J. N. Wood, as Grand Senior Warden.
" R. Clarke, as " Junior "
" Rev. Geo. Burns, as " Chaplain.
" " John McDonald, as " Treasurer.
" Geo. Smith, as " Secretary.
" Thos. Arnold, as " Senior Deacon.
" Geo. Durkee, as " Junior "
" Wm. Jeffries, as " Dir. of Cer.
" J. Barber, as " Supt. of Works.
" R. Swain, as " Steward.
" Wm. Frick, as " Steward.
" J. Smith, as " Tyler.
together with other brethren.

The Grand Lodge was opened at twelve o'clock by R. W. Bro. W. McDonald, D.D.G.M., who stated that the Communication had been called for the purpose of assisting him in laying the corner stone of a Baptist Church in the Village of Langton.

A procession was then formed and proceeded to the site,

and the corner stone was laid with the usual Masonic ceremonies, after which the Acting Grand Master addressed the brethren and others assembled on the principles of Masonry.

The brethren re-formed in procession and returned to the Masonic Hall, and the Grand Lodge was closed *in form.*

ATTEST :



J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At an Especial Communication of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, held at the Village of Wellington, on Wednesday, June 26th, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889.

PRESENT:

M. W. Bro.	R. T. Walkem, Q.C., Grand Master.	
R. "	Wm. Smeaton, D.D.G.M., as Deputy G. M.	
" "	Donald Ross, as Grand Senior Warden.	
" "	F. C. Spencer, as Grand Junior "	
R. "	F. B. Stratton, as " Chaplain.	
V. "	S. W. Flagler, as " Treasurer.	
" "	H. Welbanks, as " Secretary.	
" "	S. M. Smith, as " Registrar.	
" "	R. B. Prout, as " Senior Deacon.	
" "	George Collins, as " Junior "	
" "	B. H. Young, as " Supt. of Works.	
" "	Hugh McCullough, as " Dir. of Cer.	
" "	J. H. Colton, as " Pursuivant.	
"	A. McDonald,	
"	J. C. North,	
"	R. Ringer,	
"	Rev. Geo. Robinson,	
"	M. R. Allison,	
"	W. R. Leavens,	
"	W. T. Shaw,	
"	A. M. Osborne,	
"	G. R. Watson, M.D.	
"	G. W. Ostrom,	
"	P. C. Vanhorn,	
		}
		as " Stewards.

Bro. G. W. Austin, as Grand Organist.
 " E. W. Green, } as " Tylers.
 " John Badgley,

Together with Masters, Past Masters and brethren from the following Lodges: Ancient St. John's, No. 3; Prince Edward, No. 18; United, No. 29; Trent, No. 38; Consecon, No. 50; Franck, No. 127; Star in the East, No. 164; Lake, No. 215; Marmora, No. 222; Eureka, No. 283; and Lorne, No. 404.

The Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form* in the Town Hall at high twelve, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who stated that the Communication had been called for the purpose of assisting him in laying the corner stone of a Masonic Hall in the Village of Wellington.

The brethren then marched in procession, headed by Gilmour's Brass Band of Trenton, to the site of the proposed Masonic Hall, and the front of the procession having reached the place, a halt was made, and the ranks opened and faced inwards, when the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed through to the northeast corner where a platform had been erected for their convenience.

Prayer having been offered by the Grand Chaplain (W. Bro. F. B. Stratton), the Acting Grand Secretary (W. Bro. H. Welbanks) read the following scroll :

**In the Name and by the favor of the Glorious
Architect of Heaven and Earth,**

ON THE 26TH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1889, A.L. 5889,

And in the 53rd year of the reign of our
Gracious Sovereign,

Victoria,

Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, and dependencies
in Asia, Europe and Africa, Dominion of Canada, Australia, etc.

LORD STANLEY OF PRESTON,
Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. SIR ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Lieutenant-Governor
of Ontario.

The Rt. Hon SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD, Premier of the
Dominion of Canada.

The Hon. OLIVER MOWAT, Premier of Ontario.

J. M. PLATT, M.D., M.P., County of Prince Edward.

JOHN A. SPRAGUE, Esq., M.P.P., County of Prince Edward.

DAVID BURLINGHAM, Esq., Reeve of the Village of Wellington.

S. W. FLAGLER, Esq., Treasurer, and JOHN H. OSBORNE, Esq., Clerk.

R. T. WALKEM, Esq., Q.C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

WM. SMEATON, Esq., D.D.G.M. of Prince Edward District.

This Corner Stone

Of the Masonic Hall, erected by Star in the East Lodge 164, A. F. & A. M.
 Was laid by M. W. Bro. R. T. WALKEM, Esq., Q. C. Grand Master,
 assisted by R. W. Bro. WM. SMEATON, D.D.G.M., and the
 Grand Officers and a large concourse of Brethren, with
 the usual ceremonies of the Order.

OFFICERS OF STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, NO. 164.

W. Bro. Fred C. Spencer, W. M.	Bro. F. A. Burlingham, S. W.
Geo. E. Minns, J. W.	Rev. W. R. Young, Chaplain.
Thomas Jackson, Treasurer.	A. M. Osborne, Secretary.
C. C. Spencer, S. D.	H. Benson, J. D.
E. W. Green, J. G.	John Badgley, Tyler.

The Grand Secretary then announced that in the box to be deposited in the cavity in the stone were placed the scroll, a list of the officers and members of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, and copy of By-laws of Lodge, current coins of the Dominion of Canada, a copy of the Picton *Times*, Picton *Gazette*, Toronto *Daily Globe*, *Daily Mail* and *Daily Empire*.

V. W. Bro. S. W. Flagler, on behalf of Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, then presented the Grand Master with a silver trowel, which bore the following inscription :—

“ Presented to M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, by the members of Star in the East Lodge, No. 164, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., on the occasion of his laying the corner stone of their Masonic Hall, June 26th, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889.”

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, having graciously acknowledged and accepted the gift, the cement was spread

and the upper stone lowered with three halts, at which intervals the band played bars of the National Anthem.

When it had been guided to its proper place, the practical tests were made under the personal direction of the Grand Master; first by W. Bro. F. C. Spencer, Grand Junior Warden, with the Plumb Rule; next by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, Grand Senior Warden, with the Level; and then by R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, Deputy Grand Master, with the Square. The tests being satisfactory, the Grand Master then approached the stone and struck it three times with his Gavel, saying:—

Nothing now remains but for me to complete the work, well made, well proved, truly laid, true and trusty, and may this undertaking be completed by the Craftsmen according to the grand plan of peace, harmony and brotherly love.

The cornucopia or horn of plenty, borne by W. Bro. R. Murphy; the wine, borne by W. Bro. J. D. Wilson; and the oil, borne by W. Bro. J. B. Ruttan, were then handed to the Grand Master, by whom the stone was strewn with corn, moistened with wine and anointed with oil, and as he performd these ceremonies the Grand Master said: “I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of plenty; I pour wine upon it as an emblem of cheerfulness; and I anoint it with oil as an emblem of comfort and consolation. May corn, wine and oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men, and may the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice and all connected with it.”

The band then played a selection, after which the contractors were entrusted with the tools and plans, after being inspected by the Grand Master, and admonished to continue the work to completion as well as they had commenced, and all would be well.

The Grand Honors were then given, and the Grand Master subsequently addressed the spectators. He stated the objects of Freemasonry and pointed to some of the benefits it had secured; explained its relation to religion, and gave

statistics to prove the rapidity with which it was extending over the whole habitable globe.

After cheers for the Queen, the Grand Master, etc., the procession re-formed and marched to Tara Hall, where a sumptuous repast, prepared by the ladies of Wellington, was partaken of, followed by addresses by the Grand Master and others, after which the procession re-formed and marched to the Hall, where the Grand Lodge was closed *in form*.

ATTEST :



J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA,

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Thirty-Fourth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, held in the Town Hall, in the Town of Owen Sound, commencing on Wednesday, the 17th day of July, A. D. 1889, A. L. 5889.

PRESENT :

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master, on the Throne.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson,	Deputy Grand Master.
" " " J. A. Wills,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " " Jos. Beck,	" Junior " "
" " " Rev. D. Armstrong, D. D.,	" Chaplain.
" " " E. Mitchell,	" Treasurer.
" " " H. A. MacKelcan,	" Registrar.
" " " J. J. Mason,	" Secretary.
V. " " Hy. Clark,	" Senior Deacon.
" " " Geo. Tait,	" Junior Deacon.
" " " C. F. Mansell,	" Supt. of Works.
" " " James Walters,	" Dir. of Cer.
" " " Geo. E. Mason,	Asst. " Secretary.
" " " J. H. Bothwell,	" Pursuivant.
" " " W. F. Miles,	
" " " J. P. Whitehead,	
" " " Jas. Newton,	
" " " W. B. Irving,	
" " " Jas. McNeil,	

V. W. Bro. C. Pye. Grand Standard Bearer
" Thos. Coleman, " Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro.	J. A. C. Anderson,	Erie	District No.
" " "	W. S. Calvert,	St. Clair	" "
" " "	John Boyd,	London	" "
" " "	W. G. Duff,	South Huron	" "
" " "	Richard Mahoney,	Wellington	" "
" " "	W. Freeman, M. D.,	Hamilton	" "
" " "	Geo. Monkman,	Georgian	" "
" " "	C. G. McDermott,	Niagara	" "
" " "	Jas. Wayling,	Toronto	" "
" " "	B. Shortly,	Ontario	" "
" " "	W. Smeaton,	Prince Edward	" "
" " "	H. J. Wilkinson,	Frontenac	" "
" " "	W. J. Morris,	St. Lawrence	" "
" " "	David Taylor,	Ottawa	" "
" " "	S. W. Ray,	Algoma	" "

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

M. W. Bro.	Hy. Robertson	for	District of Columbia.
" "	J. A. Henderson,	"	New Hampshire.
" "	J. A. Henderson,	"	New York.
" "	Jas. Moffat,	"	Idaho.
" "	Jas. Moffat,	"	Pennsylvania.
" "	Otto Klotz,	"	Washington Territory.
" "	Otto Klotz,	"	St. Domingo.
" "	Hugh Murray,	"	Prince Edward Island.
" "	R. T. Walkem,	"	Peru.
R. "	John Creasor,	"	British Columbia.
" "	J. C. Hegler,	"	Arkansas.
" "	E. Mitchell,	"	California.
" "	E. T. Malone,	"	Dakota.
" "	J. J. Mason,	"	Florida.
" "	J. J. Mason,	"	Kansas.
" "	David McLellan,	"	Georgia.
" "	David McLellan,	"	Illinois.

R. W. Bro.	J. F. H. Gunn,	for Michigan.
" "	R. B. Hungerford,	Mississippi.
V. "	C. W. Brown,	Nebraska.
R. "	L. H. Henderson,	North Carolina.
" "	T. C. Macnabb,	South Carolina.
" "	D. H. Martyn,	Vermont.
" "	J. Ross Robertson,	Virginia.
" "	J. E. Harding,	West Virginia.
" "	Thos. Sargent,	Wisconsin.
" "	John Walsh,	U. S. of Columbia.
" "	Wm. Gibson,	Victoria.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro.	J. A. Henderson,	P. G. M.
" "	James Moffat,	"
" "	Otto Klotz,	"
" "	Hugh Murray,	"
" "	Henry Robertson,	"
R. "	Jas. H. Burritt,	P. D. D. G. M.
" "	John W. Coy,	"
" "	John Creasor,	"
" "	John Fisher,	"
" "	J. M. Gibson,	"
" "	Wm. Gibson,	"
" "	J. F. H. Gunn,	"
" "	J. C. Hegler,	"
" "	L. H. Henderson,	"
" "	W. L. Hamilton,	"
" "	R. B. Hungerford,	"
" "	J. E. Harding,	"
" "	Alexander Irvine,	"
" "	Henry Jennings,	"
" "	H. G. Lindsay,	"
" "	D. H. Martyn,	"
" "	John Menish,	"
" "	E. T. Malone,	"
" "	R. McCaw,	"

R. W. Bro.	Donald Ross,	P. D. D. G. M.
" "	Geo. Russell,	"
" "	R. Radcliffe,	"
" "	W. G. Reid,	"
" "	Wm. Rea,	"
" "	Gavin Stewart,	"
" "	T. Sargent,	"
" "	John Sinclair,	"
" "	John Shupe,	"
" "	T. L. M. Tipton,	"
" "	T. Wilkinson,	"
" "	David McLellan,	P. G. S. W.
" "	Allan McLean,	"
" "	G. R. Vanzant,	"
" "	J. S. Dewar,	P. G. J. W.
" "	Wm. Forbes,	"
" "	W. A. Green,	"
" "	G. G. Rowe,	"
" "	W. J. Simpson,	"
" "	John Walsh,	"
" "	Hugh Walker,	"
" "	R. L. Gunn,	P. G. R.
" "	F. C. Martin,	"
" "	G. J. Bennett,	"
" "	W. C. Wilkinson,	"
V. "	F. F. Manley,	P. G. S. D.
" "	S. J. Parker,	"
" "	Geo. Tait,	"
" "	M. D. Dawson,	P. G. J. D.
" "	L. F. A. Maingy,	"
" "	J. McL. Stevenson,	"
" "	W. J. Hambly,	P. G. D. of C.
" "	John Kerr,	"
" "	Alex. Patterson,	"
" "	John Malloy,	P. Ass't G. Sec.
" "	C. W. Brown,	P. G. Organist.
" "	W. R. Howse,	"
" "	W. Roaf,	"

V. W. Bro.	C. W. Brown,	P. Ass't G. Organist.
" "	L. Secord,	"
" "	A. Morton,	P. G. Pursuivant.
" "	D. Barr,	P. G. Steward.
" "	I. Baker,	"
" "	W. B. Doherty,	"
" "	T. McCarroll,	"
" "	R. McKnight,	"
" "	S. Pearcy,	"
" "	Jas. Quigg,	"
" "	G. E. R. Wilson,	"
" "	Geo. Reekie,	P. G. Standard Bearer.

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, at 2.45 p. m., and the acting Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all the proceedings.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, W. Bro. D. Morrison, the Mayor of Collingwood, and Mr. Chisholm, Reeve, were announced, introduced, and presented the following

ADDRESS :

To R. T. Walkem, Esq., Q. C., Grand Master, and the other Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

SIRS,—It is with feelings of the sincerest pleasure and pride that, as Mayor of the Town of Owen Sound, I, on behalf of its Council and citizens, extend to you now a most hearty welcome. There are with us still not a few of those who assisted in hewing out of the virgin forest the spot where Owen Sound stands, and many, yet young in years, who remember it well as a place of very little importance, either in population or trade, without a railway of any kind, and distant a very long and tiresome day's journey from Toronto. Now our town has attained the very considerable proportions of

having a population of 8,000 inhabitants ; a shipping trade probably greater than that of any other port in the Province, and been brought within three or four hours railway travel of the Provincial Capital. But of the many things which mark its growth and prosperity, none have been more gratifying, to those of us especially who are Masons, than this meeting of Grand Lodge.

We appreciate it as a recognition of the growing importance of our Town, of its attractions and of your confidence in the desire and ability of its people to afford the accommodation required, and further as a compliment to the members of the Craft in this town and vicinity ; I can assure you it will be esteemed the pleasant duty and privilege of everyone to make your visit to Owen Sound as enjoyable as possible.

As a member of the Craft myself, permit me to add that I believe the beneficial influences and teachings of Freemasonry have come to be very generally acknowledged. Here it must be admitted political and sectarian rivalries and strifes find no place. The principles of charity, of moral truth and justice and of virtue, in their fullest sense alone hold sway. Loyalty to all lawfully constituted authority, whether civil or religious, and patriotism, are fundamental principles of the Order. The cause of religion has never suffered, but on the contrary been greatly promoted through the teachings of Freemasonry, and nowhere throughout this mighty empire, to which we are proud to belong, can be found more devoted subjects of our gracious Queen, nor firmer believers in a bright and prosperous future for our own magnificent Dominion, this Canada of ours, than among those whose names are enrolled in the Register of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

. DUNCAN MORRISON,
Mayor of Owen Sound.

Council Chamber, Owen Sound, 15th July, 1889.

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The address was acknowledged by the M. W. the Grand Master in appropriate terms.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bros. R. B. Hungerford and John Walsh and Bro. Geo. Ingles, a committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present:

- No. 2. *Niagara, Niagara.*
R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 3. *The Ancient St. John's, Kingston.*
W. Bro. John Waddell, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Macnee, S. W.; M. W. Bros. J. A. Henderson and R. T. Walkem, P. M's.
- No. 5. *Sussex, Brockville.*
W. Bro. T. W. Sparham, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bros. T. Wilkinson, John Menish and W. J. Simpson; V. W. Bro. Jas. Quigg and W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, P. M's.
- No. 6. *Barton, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. S. M. Kenny, W. M.; R. W. Bros. Geo. Russell, Gavin Stewart and Wm. Gibson; V. W. Bro. Geo. E. Mason and W. Bro. John Hoodless, P. M's.
- No. 7. *Union, Grimsby.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Forbes, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 9. *Union, Napanee.*
V. W. Bro. J. Walters, W. M.
- No. 10. *Norfolk, Simcoe.*
W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, W. M.; Bro. W. S. Wood, S. W.; W. Bro. G. F. Counter, P. M.
- No. 11. *Moira, Belleville.*
W. Bro. John Newton, W. M.; R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, P. M.
- No. 14. *True Britons, Perth.*
W. Bro. P. Hope, W. M.; Bro. T. Elliott, J. W.; R. W. Bro. W. J. Morris, P. M.
- No. 15. *St. George's, St. Catharines.*
R. W. Bro. C. G. McDermott, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. Jas. Glanville, W. M.; Bro. A. R. McDonald, S. W.; R. W. Bro. W. C. Wilkinson; V. W. Bro. Geo. Tait and W. Bros. Wm. Anderson and Daniel Rose, P. M's.
- No. 17. *St. John's, Cobourg.*
W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward, Picton.*
W. Bro. James H. Colden, W. M.; R. W. Bro. Donald Ross and W. Bro. John Waring, P. M's.

- No. 20. *St. John's, London.*
W. Bro. John Fairgrieve, W. M.; M. W. Bro. Jas. Moffat and V. W. Bro. M. D. Dawson, P. M's.
- No. 21a *St. John's, Vankleek Hill.*
R. W. Bro. David Taylor, Proxy.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's, Toronto.*
W. Bro. Jas. Reeve, W. M.; Bro. John Graham, J. W.; R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson; V. W. Bro. W. J. Hambly and W. Bro. P. J. Slatter, P. M's.
- No. 23. *Richmond Lodge, Richmond Hill.*
W. Bros. Thos. Newton, W. M.; A. J. Rupert, P. M.
- No. 24. *St. Francis, Smith's Falls.*
W. Bro. S. N. Percival, P. M.
- No. 25. *Ionic, Toronto.*
W. Bro. F. M. Morson, W. M.; V. W. Bros. C. W. Brown and F. F. Manley, P. M's.
- No. 26. *Ontario, Port Hope.*
W. Bro. W. J. Robertson, W. M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. P. D. Carse, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason and D. McLellan, P. M's.
- No. 29. *United, Brighton.*
W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, Proxy.
- No. 30. *Composite, Whitby.*
W. Bro. A. M. Ross, W. M.; Bro. R. S. Cormack, J. W.; V. W. Bro. W. R. Howse, P. M.
- No. 31. *Jerusalem, Bowmanville.*
W. Bros. T. H. Spry, W. M.; W. McKay, P. M.
- No. 32. *Amity, Dunnville.*
W. Bro. John Taylor, W. M.; R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton, P. M.
- No. 33. *Maitland, Goderich.*
W. Bro. James Anderson, W. M.; R. W. Bros. Jos. Beck and R. Radcliffe, P. M's.
- No. 34. *Thistle, Amherstburg.*
W. Bros. J. H. Webber, W. M.; G. Gott, P. M.
- No. 37. *King Hiram, Ingersoll.*
W. Bro. John Podmore, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler and W. Bro. M. Walsh, P. M's.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton.*
W. Bro. Geo. Collins, W. M.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion, Brooklin.*
V. W. Bro. W. R. Howse, Proxy.

- No. 40. *St. John's, Hamilton.*
Bros. Wm. Birrell, S. W., Adam Rutherford, J. W.; R. W.
Bro. W. G. Reid; V. W. Bro. John Malloy and W. Bro. T.
McCallum, P. M's.
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- No. 42. *St. George's, London.*
W. Bros. Wm. Skinner, P. M., Proxy; A. B. Munson, P. M.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's, Woodstock.*
W. Bro. J. W. Rippon, W. M.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas, St. Thomas.*
W. Bro. Robt. McCully, P. M., Proxy; V. W. Bro. W. B.
Doherty, P. M.
- No. 46. *Wellington, Chatham.*
W. Bro. Jas. Birch, W. M.
- No. 47. *Great Western, Windsor.*
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- No. 48. *Madoc, Madoc.*
W. Bro. Jefferson Caverly, W. M.
- No. 50. *Consecon, Consecon.*
R. W. Bro. D. Ross, Proxy.
- No. 52. *Dalhousie, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. Geo. Ross, W. M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan, Maple.*
W. Bro. R. B. Orr, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 56. *Victoria, Sarnia.*
W. Bro. Geo. S. Samis, W. M.; Bro. D. M. Grant, J. W.;
W. Bro. C. Mole, P. M.
- No. 57. *Harmony, Binbrook.*
W. Bro. J. F. Senn, W. M.
- No. 58. *Doric, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. R. W. Stephen, W. M.
- No. 61. *Acacia, Hamilton.*
Bro. W. G. Townsend, J. W.; M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray;
R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell and W. Bros. A. Smith and A.
Poulter, P. M's.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's, Caledonia.*
W. Bro. Jas. Old, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 63. *St. John's, Carleton Place.*
V. W. Bro. J. H. Bothwell, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning, London.*
W. Bro. C. C. Reed, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. R. B.
Hungerford, P. M.

- No. 65. *Rechoboam, Toronto.*
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- No. 66. *Durham, Newcastle.*
W. Bros. D. Allin, W. M., Jas. Parker and W. T. Lock-hait, P. M's.
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W. Bro. W. A. Sinclair, W. M.; V. W. Bro. John Kern, P. M.
- No. 72. *Alma, Galt.*
Bro. E. T. Kenning, S. W.
- No. 74. *St. James, Maitland.*
W. Bros. T. W. Sparham, Proxy; Martel Davies, P. M.
- No. 75. *St. John's, Toronto.*
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- No. 76. *Oxford, Woodstock.*
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- No. 79. *Simcoe, Bradford.*
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V. W. Bro. G. E. R. Wilson, W. M.

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P. M.
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- No. 110. *Central, Prescott.*
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- No. 120. *Warren, Fingal.*
W. Bro. Robert McCully, Proxy.
- No. 121. *Doric, Brantford.*
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Burritt and A. W. Carley, P. M's.
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- No. 145. *J. B. Hall, Millbrook.*
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- No. 154. *Irving, Lucan.*
Bro. R. S. Hodgins, S. W.
- No. 155. *Peterboro', Peterboro'.*
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Fisher, P. M.
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W. Bro. R. W. Goisline, W. M.

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W. Bro. R. Hill, W. M.
- No. 161. *Percy, Warkworth.*
W. Bro. T. G. Smith, W. M.
- No. 162. *Forest, Wroxeter.*
W. Bro. D. M. Walker, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 164. *Star in the East, Wellington.*
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- No. 165. *Burlington, Burlington.*
W. Bros. R. Hammond, P. M., Proxy; Thos. Campbell, P. M.
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- No. 168. *Merritt, Welland.*
W. Bro. D. R. Pursel, W. M.
- No. 169. *Macnab, Port Colborne.*
R. W. Bro. T. L. M. Tipton, Proxy; W. Bro. W. E. Henderson, P. M.
- No. 170. *Britannia, Seaforth.*
W. Bro. W. J. Fear, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. G. Duff, P. M.
- No. 176. *Spartan, Sparta.*
V. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty, Proxy.
- No. 177. *The Builders, Ottawa.*
W. Bro. H. H. Cairns, W. M.; Bro. F. Cook, S. W.; R. W. Bros. David Taylor and Wm. Rea, P. M's.
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W. Bro. Thos. New, P. M., Proxy.
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- No. 184. *Old Light, Lucknow.*
W. Bro. Wm. Mallough, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen, York.*
W. Bro. D. T. Hind, Proxy.
- No. 190. *Belmont, Belmont.*
W. Bro. J. G. Fawcett, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. John Boyd, P. M.
- No. 192. *Orillia, Orillia.*
W. Bro. Wm. Sherman, W. M.
- No. 193. *Scotland, Scotland.*
V. W. Bro. W. F. Miles, Proxy; W. Bro. J. C. Shook, P. M.

- No. 194. *Petrolia, Petrolia.*
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- No. 195. *The Tuscan, London.*
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- No. 196. *Madawaska, Amnprior.*
R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, Proxy.
- No. 197. *Saugeen, Walkerton.*
W. Bro. R. B. Hughes, W. M. ; Bro. Hugh Birss, J. W. ; R. W. Bros. J. F. H. Gunn and W. A. Green ; V. W. Bro. Hy. Clark, and W. Bros. W. R. Telford and C. Dempsey, P. M's.
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- No. 203. *Irvine, Elora.*
W. Bro. Jos. Clarke, W. M.
- No. 205. *New Dominion, New Hamburg.*
W. Bro. W. H. Erbach, P. M., Proxy.
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W. Bro. G. C. Davis, W. M. ; Bros. A. Carruthers, S. W., J. Stephenson, J. W. ; R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P. M.
- No. 209. *Evergreen, Lanark.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Proxy ; V. W. W. Bro. J. H. Bothwell, P. M.
- No. 215. *Lake, Ameliasburg.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, Proxy.
- No. 216. *Harris, Orangeville.*
R. W. Bro. R. Mahony, Proxy.
- No. 217. *Frederick, Delhi.*
Bro. W. B. Coles, J. W.
- No. 218. *Stevenson, Toronto.*
W. Bro. John Nicholson, W. M. ; Bro. J. H. Horswell, J. W. ; W. Bros. John Patton and R. Cuthbert, P. M's.
- No. 219. *Credit, Georgetown.*
V. W. Bro. Jas. Newton, P. M., Proxy ; R. W. Bro. W. Freeman, P. M.
- No. 220. *Zeredatha, Uxbridge.*
W. Bro. Geo. Hobson, W. M. ; Bro. W. A. McCullough, J. W.
- No. 221. *Mountain, Thorold*
W. Bro. R. Campbell, W. M.
- No. 222. *Marmora, Marmora.*
W. Bro. W. Adams, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 224. *Zurich, Hensall.*
W. Bro. Hugh Spackman, Proxy.

- No. 225. *Bernard, Listowel.*
W. Bros. J. B. Dinkel, W. M.; D. D. Campbell, P. M.
- No. 229. *Ionic, Brampton.*
W. Bro. A. McKechnie, W. M.; V. W. Bro. A. Morton and
W. Bro. James Anderson, P. M's.
- No. 230. *Kerr, Barrie.*
W. Bro. R. E. Fletcher, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. McL.
Stevenson, P. M.
- No. 231. *Fidelity, Ottawa.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, Proxy.
- No. 232. *Cameron, Wallacetown.*
V. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty, Proxy.
- No. 234. *Beaver, Clarksburg.*
W. Bro. C. W. Hardman, W. M.; V. W. Bros. C. Pye and
Geo. Reckie, and W. Bros. Jas. Lewis and John H. Dickin-
son, P. M's.
- No. 235. *Aldworth, Paisley.*
W. Bro. J. J. Richardson, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 237. *Vienna, Vienna.*
R. W. Bro. F. C. Martin, Proxy.
- No. 239. *Tweed, Tweed.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, Proxy.
- No. 241. *Quinte, Shannonville.*
W. Bro. Peter Williams, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 242. *Macoy, Mallorytown.*
V. W. Bro. J. Quigg, Proxy.
- No. 243. *St. George, St. George.*
W. Bro. J. P. Lawrason, W. M.
- No. 247. *Ashlar, Toronto.*
V. W. Bros. Wm. Roaf, P. M., Proxy; S. Pearcy, P. M.
- No. 250. *Thistle, Embro.*
W. Bro. G. W. Creighton, W. M.
- No. 253. *Minden, Kingston.*
R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, P. M.
- No. 254. *Clifton, Niagara Falls.*
Bros. M. P. McMaster, S. W.; J. C. Bartte, J. W.
- No. 255. *Sydenham, Dresden.*
W. Bros. J. B. Carscallen, W. M.; W. H. Switzer, P. M.
- No. 256. *Farran's Point, Farran's Point.*
W. Bro. H. R. Hanes, W. M.
- No. 257. *Galt, Galt.*
R. W. Bro. John Shupe, P. M., Proxy.

- No. 258. *Guelph, Guelph.*
W. Bro. Wm. Stuart, W. M.; Bro. John Beckman, S. W.;
R. W. Bros. Hugh Walker and R. Mahony, P. M's.
- No. 260. *Washington, Petrolia.*
R. W. Bro. John Sinclair, Proxy.
- No. 261. *Oak Branch, Innerkip.*
W. Bros. David Leitch, W. M., Thos. Baird, P. M.
- No. 262. *Harriston, Harriston.*
R. W. Bro. Alex. Irvine, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. George
Leighton, P. M.
- No. 264. *Chaudiere, Ottawa.*
Bro. Robt. Stewart, S. W.
- No. 265. *Patterson, Thornhill.*
W. Bro. John E. Knox, W. M.
- No. 266. *Northern Light, Stayner.*
W. Bro. W. B. Sanders, W. M.
- No. 267. *Parthenon, Chatham.*
W. Bro. N. J. Bogart, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 268. *Verulam, Bobcaygeon.*
W. Bro. W. Gidley, J. W.
- No. 269. *Brougham Union, Brougham.*
W. Bro. R. W. Ward, W. M.
- No. 270. *Cedar, Oshawa.*
W. Bros. G. J. Scott, W. M.; A. L. Rundle, P. M.
- No. 271. *Wellington, Erin.*
W. Bro. T. H. Wansbrough, W. M.
- No. 272. *Seymour, Ancaster.*
R. W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, Proxy.
- No. 277. *Seymour, Port Dalhousie.*
W. Bro. John Green, W. M.
- No. 278. *Mystic, Roslin.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. Smeaton, Proxy.
- No. 279. *New Hope, Hespeler.*
Bro. W. H. Weaver, J. W.
- No. 283. *Eureka Belleville.*
W. Bro. P. H. Hambly, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. W. Smeaton,
P. M.
- No. 284. *St. John's, Brussels.*
W. Bro. John Shaw, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 287. *Shuniah, Port Arthur.*
R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. J. A. Fraser,
P. M.

- No. 289. *Doric, Lobo.*
W. Bro. A. McGugan, W. M.
- No. 290. *Leamington, Leamington.*
W. Bro. G. C. Foster, W. M.
- No. 291. *Dufferin, West Flamboro'.*
R. W. Bro. W. G. Reid, Proxy.
- No. 292. *Robertson, Nobleton.*
W. Bro. Gilbert Gilmour, W. M.
- No. 294. *Moore, Mooretown.*
W. Bros. W. Abernethy and Rev. D. Armstrong, P. M's.
- No. 295. *Conestogo Drayton.*
W. Bro. W. H. Smith, W. M.
- No. 297. *Preston, Preston.*
M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 300. *Victoria, Thorndale.*
W. Bro. W. H. Salmon, W. M.
- No. 303. *Blyth, Blyth.*
W. Bro. J. Emigh, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 304. *Minerva, Stroud.*
R. W. Bro. Geo. Monkman, Proxy.
- No. 305. *Humber, Weston.*
V. W. Bro. Geo. Tait, Proxy.
- No. 306. *Durham, Durham.*
Bro. J. P. Telford, S. W.; W. Bros. A. Davidson, A. McKenzie and C. L. Grant, P. M's.
- No. 307. *Arkona, Arkona.*
W. Bro. Frank Hooper, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 308. *Grafton, Grafton.*
W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, Proxy.
- No. 309. *Morning Star, Smith's Hill.*
R. W. Bro. Jos. Beck, Proxy.
- No. 311. *Blackwood, Woodbridge.*
W. Bro. J. O. Orr, W. M.
- No. 312. *Pnyx, Wallaceburg.*
W. Bro. S. Stewart, W. M.
- No. 313. *Clementi, Lakefield.*
Bro. Jas. Edward, J. W.
- No. 314. *Blair, Palmerston.*
W. Bro. R. Doherty, W. M.
- No. 315. *Clifford, Clifford.*
Bro. R. E. Biggar, J. W.; W. Bros. J. D. Allan and E. Tolton, P. M's.

- No. 316. *Doric, Toronto.*
W. Bros. R. T. Williams, W. M.; H. A. Collins, A. A. S.
Ardagh and John Ritchie, P. M's.
- No. 318. *Wilmot, Baden.*
W. Bro. W. H. Erbach, W. M.
- No. 319. *Hiram, Hagersville.*
W. Bro. D. T. Hind, Proxy.
- No. 322. *North Star, Owen Sound.*
W. Bro. Thos. Kennedy, W. M.; Bros. Geo. Ingles, S. W.;
Hy. Durie, J. W.; R. W. Bro. John Creasor; V. W. Bro. S.
J. Parker, and W. Bros. H. Robinson, H. Kennedy, D.
Rutherford, John Miller, Robt. Edgar and P. W. D. Broderick,
P. M's.
- No. 323. *Alvinston, Alvinston.*
W. Bro. John Conn, W. M.
- No. 324. *Temple, Hamilton.*
W. Bro. C. W. Mulligan, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bros. J. M.
Gibson and H. A. Mackelcan, P. M's.
- No. 325. *Orono, Orono.*
W. Bro. T. Smith, W. M.
- No. 326. *Zetland, Toronto.*
W. Bro. H. A. Taylor, W. M.; Bros. H. J. Craig, S. W.; C.
J. Hope, J. W.; R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone and V. W. Bro. C.
A. B. Brown, P. M's.
- No. 328. *Ionic, Napier.*
W. Bro. W. S. Toshill, W. M.; R. W. Bro. W. S. Calvert,
P. M.
- No. 329. *King Solomon's, Jarvis.*
W. Bro. H. J. Grasett, W. M.; Bro. James Noble, S. W.;
W. Bros. D. T. Hind and Wm. Jaques, P. M's.
- No. 331. *Fordwich, Fordwich.*
W. M. Bro. A. C. Hutchison, W. M.
- No. 332. *Stratford, Stratford.*
W. Bro. W. G. Mowat, W. M.; R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding,
and V. W. Bro. I. Baker, P. M's.
- No. 333. *Prince Arthur, Flesherton.*
W. Bros. Jos. Blackburn and S. Demude, P. M's.
- No. 337. *Myrtle, Port Robinson.*
W. Bro. W. H. Andrews, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 339. *Orient, Toronto.*
W. Bros. F. H. Anderson, W. M.; Ira Bates, David Hunter,
F. G. Inwood and J. K. Leslie, P. M's.
- No. 341. *Bruce, Tiverton.*
W. Bro. J. R. Paterson, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 344. *Merrill, Dorchester Station.*
R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Proxy.

- No. 346. *Occident, Toronto.*
 W. Bro. W. J. Meyersey, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 347. *Mercer, Fergus.*
 W. Bros. H. Hanlin, P. M., Proxy; J. Tindale, P. M.
- No. 348. *Georgian, Penetanguishene.*
 R. W. Bro. Hy. Jennings, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 352. *Granite, Parry Sound.*
 W. Bro. Wm. McGown, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 354. *Brock, Cannington.*
 W. Bro. M. L. Nutting, W. M.
- No. 356. *River Park, Streetsville.*
 W. Bro. A. Findlay, W. M.
- No. 357. *Waterdown, Waterdown.*
 W. Bro. W. S. Featherston, W. M.; Bro. W. J. Clark, J. W.
- No. 358. *Delaware Valley, Delaware.*
 R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, Proxy.
- No. 359. *Vittoria, Vittoria.*
 W. Bro. J. C. Boyd, Proxy.
- No. 360. *Muskoka, Bracebridge.*
 W. Bro. Jas. Whitten, W. M.
- No. 361. *Waverley, Guelph.*
 W. Bro. H. Gummer, W. M.
- No. 362. *Maple Leaf, Tara.*
 W. Bro. A. McCullough, W. M.; Bro. G. W. Campbell, S. W.; W. Bros. A. McDonald and R. C. Bruce, P. M's.
- No. 366. *Euclid, Strathroy.*
 W. Bro. J. H. Evans, W. M.; V. W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead, P. M.
- No. 367. *St. George's, Toronto.*
 W. Bro. L. B. Montgomery, W. M.; Bro. W. E. Lemon, J. W.; R. W. Bro. J. A. Wills, and W. Bros. W. J. Guy and John Hetherington, P. M's.
- No. 368. *Salem, Brockville.*
 W. Bro. Geo. Gale, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton, P. M.
- No. 369. *Mimico, Lambton.*
 Bros. O. L. Hicks, S. W.; J. M. Cotton, J. W.; W. Bro. J. D. Evans, P. M.
- No. 370. *Harmony, Delta.*
 R. W. Bro. W. J. Simpson, Proxy.
- No. 371. *Prince of Wales, Ottawa.*
 W. Bro. J. W. Turley, W. M.

- No. 372. *Palmer, Victoria.*
W. Bro. Jas. Shirton, W. M.; Bros. R. W. Martin, S. W.; J. G. Watts, J. W.; W. Bro. A. B. Hurrell, P. M.
- No. 374. *Keene, Keene.*
V. W. Bro. Jas. McNeil, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. R. English, P. M.
- No. 375. *Lorne, Omemee.*
W. Bro. J. W. Wallace, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 377. *Lorne, Shelburne.*
W. Bro. B. Tansley, W. M.
- No. 378. *King Solomon's, Petersville.*
W. Bro. A. Currie, W. M.
- No. 379. *Middlesex, Bryanston.*
R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, Proxy.
- No. 380. *Union, London.*
W. Bro. Jas. Learn, W. M.
- No. 382. *Doric, Hamilton.*
R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. S. G. Treble, P. M.
- No. 384. *Alpha, Parkdale.*
W. Bros. G. S. Booth, W. M.; J. Chambers, P. M.
- No. 385. *Spry, Boston.*
W. Bro. Joseph Wright, W. M.
- No. 386. *McColl, West Lorne.*
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, Proxy.
- No. 387. *Lansdowne, Lansdowne.*
R. W. Bro. T. Wilkinson, Proxy.
- No. 391. *Howard, Ridgetown.*
W. Bro. M. G. Hay, W. M.; Bro. J. A. Elliott, S. W.; R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, P. M.
- No. 393. *Forest, Chesley.*
W. Bros. J. M. Stewart, W. M.; J. Adams, P. M.
- No. 394. *King Solomon's, Thamesford.*
W. Bro. M. Day, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 395. *Parvaim, Comber.*
W. Bros. A. J. Brown, W. M.; C. W. Scherer, P. M.
- No. 396. *Cedar, Wiarton.*
W. Bros. J. Irwin, W. M.; J. Walmsley, P. M.
- No. 399. *Moffat, Harrietsville.*
R. W. Bro. John Boyd, Proxy.
- No. 400. *Oakville, Oakville.*
Bro. F. Howarth, J. W.; W. Bro. W. A. Ferrah, P. M.
- No. 402. *Central, Essex Centre.*
W. Bro. A. H. Clarke, P. M., Proxy.

- No. 403. *Windsor, Windsor.*
W. Bro. G. D. Adams, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 404. *Lorne, Tamworth.*
W. Bro. J. H. McLaughlin, W. M.
- No. 409. *Golden Rule, Gravenhurst.*
V. W. Bro. W. B. Irving, P. M.
- No. 410. *Zeta, Toronto.*
W. Bro. W. R. Cavell, W. M.; R. W. Bros. G. J. Bennett and G. G. Rowe; V. W. Bro. C. F. Mansell, and W. Bros. W. Walker, J. T. Thompson and Thos. Todd, P. M's.
- No. 411. *Rodney, Rodney.*
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, Proxy.
- No. 412. *Key Stone, Sault Ste. Marie.*
R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, Proxy.
- No. 413. *Naphtali, Tilbury Centre.*
R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, Proxy.
- No. 414. *Pequonga, Rat Portage.*
W. Bro. J. A. Warren, Proxy.
- No. 415. *Fort William, Fort William.*
R. W. Bro. S. W. Ray, Proxy.
- No. 416. *Lyn, Lyn.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. Simpson, Proxy.
- No. 417. *Keewatin, Keewatin Mills.*
W. Bro. J. A. Warren, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 419. *Bismarck, Point Edward.*
W. Bro. G. S. Samis, Proxy.
- No. 420. *Nipissing, North Bay.*
W. Bros. W. A. Porte, W. M.; S. Huntington, P. M.
- No. 421. *Scott, Grand Valley.*
W. Bro. R. R. Hopkins, W. M.; Bros W. R. Scott, S. W., A. Deans, J. W.
- No. 422. *Star of the East, Bothwell.*
W. Bro. James Carscallen, Proxy.

The M. W. the Grand Master granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing, as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Thirty-Third Annual Communication, held at the City of Toronto, on 18th and 19th days of July, A. D. 1888, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed, and that the minutes of the several Special Communications of Grand Lodge, entered by the Grand Secretary in the minute Book, be taken as read, and are hereby confirmed.

ADDRESS FROM THE BRETHREN OF OWEN SOUND.

The Worshipful Masters and Officers of St. George's Lodge, No. 88, and the North Star Lodge, No. 322, were announced, introduced, and presented the following

ADDRESS:

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Members of Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—We, the Officers and Members of St. George's and North Star Lodges bid you a cordial welcome to Owen Sound. We are sensible that the Cities in the Province contend for the honor of these Grand Lodge Meetings; it is therefore especially gratifying to us to be honored with your presence on this occasion. Owen Sound has not yet attained to the dignity of a City, but it is rapidly approaching it, and we are pleased to be able to assure you that the progress of Masonry is keeping pace with the growth and material prosperity of the place. From the earliest history of the Town to the present time Owen Sound has had amongst its prominent citizens a goodly number of the noble fraternity of Masons, and from its Lodge Rooms the light of Masonry has shone through much of this Northern Country. From St. George's and North Star Lodges have sprung many other Lodges, now prosperous and well worked, while the parents themselves still retain the robust strength and vigour of youth.

The Masons of Owen Sound will long remember with pleasure and satisfaction the honor done them by this meeting

of Grand Lodge. We indulge the hope that you will thoroughly enjoy yourselves while among us, and that you will return to your homes carrying with you pleasant recollections of your brief visit to the Liverpool of the North.

Again, Most Worshipful Sir and Brethren, we bid you welcome to Owen Sound while you remain.

DUNCAN MORRISON,
W. M. St. George's Lodge.

THOMAS KENNEDY,
W. M. North Star Lodge.

The foregoing address was suitably acknowledged by the
M. W. the Grand Master.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master delivered the following address to the Brethren assembled in the Grand Communication.

Brethren of the Grand Lodge :

I bid you welcome to this, our 34th Annual Communication.

By the favor of the Great Architect of the Universe we are permitted once more to assemble as Grand Lodge, or Masonic Parliament, for the performance of the important duties which have been committed to us by the members of the Craft throughout the Province of Ontario.

We are met, under the provisions of the Constitution, to enact necessary legislation; to review the work of the past year; to sit as a Court of Appeal for the administration of justice and the settlement of matters of difference in our subordinate lodges; to dispense charity; to receive from our officers an account of their stewardship during the past year; and to select those to whom we will commit the management of our affairs during the year to come.

May we be enabled to discharge our duties with minds free from prejudice and with an earnest desire to promote the welfare of the Craft and the happiness of all mankind.

Any legislation which we may enact must necessarily take the shape of an amendment of the Constitution which we adopted two years ago, and which, in its present form, may be considered to represent the results of the experience of our predecessors in this Grand Lodge for thirty-three years, engrafted on the code transmitted to us by our ancestors in the Grand Lodge of England. Now, we find ourselves to-day, Brethren, in a most enviable position amongst the Grand Lodges of the world. We are free from internal troubles; our relations with foreign Grand Lodges are satisfactory; the Brethren throughout our jurisdiction are loyal, happy and contented; we have an ample benevolent fund at our disposal, which is freely dispensed; and the administrative work undertaken by Grand Lodge is, I believe, being well and effectively performed. When we look for the causes of this prosperity are we not bound to attribute it in large measure to the excellent administrative system and to the wise laws adopted by our predecessors and now embodied in our Book of Constitution?

I have no hesitation personally in referring much of our success to these causes, and I therefore feel bound to express the hope that Grand Lodge will, unless there is a clear and well ascertained necessity for change, discountenance all attempts to alter or amend a system which has in the past worked so well and produced such admirable results—that we shall, in fact, have no tentative legislation.

It is important that our laws should be stable and certain, which cannot be the case if we constantly change them. They may not be and probably are not perfect, but, as regards minor defects, I believe it to be better for us to

“ bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of.”

In accordance with time honored custom I propose, as your presiding officer, to invite your attention to a retrospect of the important events affecting our Order which have occurred during the past year, and to bring before you such matters as I think need your consideration.

DEATHS.

I cannot more fitly open this part of my address than by a reference to those Brethren who have passed away to their rest since last our Grand Lodge met.

Philosophers have told us that death is by no means to be regarded as a calamity ; that it is “ the Liberator of him whom freedom cannot release; the Physician of him whom medicine cannot cure; and the Comforter of him whom time cannot console.”

The fable of Tithonus, endowed by Aurora with the fatal gift of immortality, staggering beneath the weight of years and infirmity, praying the goddess to recall her fatal gift, and to permit him to return to the dust from whence he sprang, is an illustration of the light in which the Ancients, who had not our hopes and consolation, regarded death.

Truly, it may be said, that

“ Death is the crown of life :
Were death deny'd, poor men would live in vain,
Were death deny'd, to live would not be life,
Were death deny'd, even fools would wish to die.”

As Freemasons we are particularly taught to regard death as the avenue of entrance to a better world ; to raise our eyes

from the darkness of the grave and to fix them upon the light of the resurrection which shines beyond it—not to sorrow at the grave as men without hope.

On the 31st July, 1888, Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, an honorary member of this Lodge, with the rank of P. D. G. M., died after many years of suffering. He has left behind him a lasting monument in his Masonic poems, which, in the year 1884, procured him the distinction of coronation as the Masonic Poet Laureate.

Death has also taken from us many well-known brethren in our own Jurisdiction, of whom I may mention:—

R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M. of Ontario District, who died on the 29th July, 1888; M. W. Bro. C. Doebler, P. G. Steward, who died on the 7th August, 1888; R. W. Bro. T. B. Bain, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District, who died on the 10th November, 1888; R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, P. D. D. G. M., of Central District, who died on the 2nd January, 1889; R. W. Bro. J. S. Loomis, P. D. D. G. M., of Prince Edward District, who died on the 28th January, 1889; R. W. Bro. D. Curtis, P. D. D. G. M., of Wilson District, who died on the 18th February, 1889; V. W. Bro. Robert Robertson, P. G. S. B., who died on the 9th March, 1889, and V. W. Bro. Henry Bickford, who died on the 23rd April, 1889.

Each of these brethren, I am told, did his duty well and faithfully in the sphere in which he was placed, and I hope Grand Lodge will take care that their memory shall be preserved.

VISITS.

Immediately after the close of our last meeting I visited the Province of British Columbia, passing over the Canadian Pacific Railway, through the grand and impressive scenery of the Rocky Mountains. Though my visit was of a private nature, I was received by the Masons of Victoria as your chief officer with a heartiness and hospitality which I shall not readily forget, and an address of welcome was presented to me, signed by the Officers of the Grand Lodge and the Masters of the two Lodges in the City of Victoria. I found that many of the Masons of British Columbia hailed from Ontario, and remembered with affection their mother Lodges. I was commissioned to present the fraternal greetings and good wishes of the Western Brethren to Grand Lodge, a duty which I have now much pleasure in fulfilling.

During the year I have paid the following official visits to important centres, and I only regret that in this respect I have been unable to do all that I desired to do.

I visited Port Arthur on the 21st August, 1888; St. George's Lodge, Toronto, on the 7th December, 1888; Peterboro' on the 18th December, 1888; Belleville on the 27th December, 1888; Cobourg on the 3rd January, 1889; Picton on the 19th January, 1889; Cornwall on the 28th January, 1889; Ottawa on the 31st January, 1889; Ionic Lodge, Toronto, on the 13th February, 1889; Kingston on the 27th February, 1889; Hamilton on the 29th April, 1889; London on the 2nd May, 1889; Guelph on the 24th June, 1889.

To the gathering at these places all the surrounding Lodges were invited, and I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks to the District Deputy Grand Masters for the success of these meetings, and to the Brethren generally for the loyal and hearty reception I met with everywhere.

I availed myself of the opportunities afforded by these visits to address the Brethren on subjects of interest connected with Masonry, and to impress upon the Masters of Lodges the necessity for making the Lodge meetings instructive and interesting by means of lectures, papers and discussions on Masonic history, symbolism, and kindred subjects. I suggested to them that if these means were used there would be a better attendance at the Lodges and fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues—that intelligent men require more than the mere working of the ritual to satisfy the desires of their intellects, and cease to attend the Lodge because they do not get what they require ; that undue importance may be attached to ritual and far too little to the great objects of Masonry.

The Grand Master of West Virginia, in his address delivered in 1888, referring to this subject, says : "We fall into error and overvalue our machinery when we suppose that the routine duty of the Lodge and the recital of the ritualistic work will meet the demands of our natures."

The subject of Masonic education in our Lodges is, year by year, becoming more important, and may fitly engage the attention of Grand Lodge.

I think it is exceedingly desirable that every brother should have some knowledge of the history of the Craft and of the ceremonies which are in use in our Lodges. Much that has been written in former times, by men who have been regarded

as standard authorities, has been proved by the modern historians—Hughan, Lyon and Gould—to be unreliable; and the works of these latter, representing as they do the result of years of patient study and research, must be regarded as constituting the standard history of Masonry at the present time. These works may not be accessible to every Brother, or even every Master of a Lodge, but a summary of their contents could, no doubt, be prepared and given in the form of lectures to the members of the Craft.

In his address, delivered in January, 1888, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, referring to the subject of education, says: "Why could not our Lodges be required at each meeting to appoint some competent brother to lecture upon some one of the cardinal virtues—as patience, temperance, fortitude, truth—as well as to give the ritual of some degree?"

In Missouri, Lodges of Instruction have been established, and the Grand Master states that arrangements have been made to have an address delivered on a Masonic subject at each evening session, thus giving the Brethren an opportunity to listen to lectures by eloquent and distinguished Masons upon the history, symbolism, and moral teachings of Masonry.

In connection with the subject of education, I feel bound to refer to the lectures on Craft Masonry in Canada for the past one hundred years, lately given to the Brethren by the D. G. M., R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, in different parts of this Province. These lectures were, I am told, highly appreciated by those who heard them, and the thanks of the Brethren are, in my opinion, due to Bro. Robertson for having, at great personal inconvenience, given the Craft the benefit of his labors. Bro. Robertson has secured possession of a large number of valuable documents relating to the early history of Craft Masonry in Canada, a summary of which, I understand, he intends to publish.

Hearing that Miss Dean, daughter of the late John Dean, Provincial Grand Secretary for many years under the old regime, had a large number of her father's valuable papers in her possession, I applied to her for them. She very kindly sent them to me, placing them at my absolute disposal. I purpose handing them over to Grand Lodge. I regret to say that Miss Dean, who is now somewhat advanced in years, has, through the death of her brother and other misfortunes, been so much reduced in her circumstances as to require assistance, and I trust that Grand Lodge will see that the daughter of a

man, who, I am told, did more for Masonry in this Province than any other single individual, who, in fact, spent a life-time in its service, shall not want for the necessaries of life.

A Lodge of Instruction, at which I was present, was held by R. W. Bro. B. Shortly, D. D. G. M., at Peterboro' in December last, which was well attended and could not fail to be of service. It would be well if these Lodges were held at least once a year in each District, when instruction could be given not only in the ritual but in the other subjects that I have referred to.

ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

At the last meeting of our Grand Lodge the following resolution was adopted:

"That this Grand Lodge request the M. W. the Grand Master to enter into correspondence with H. R. H. the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England and the M. W. the Grand Master of Quebec, looking to the end that harmony and brotherly love may prevail between England and the Craft in this Dominion."

Acting upon this resolution, I opened communication with the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, in order to ascertain whether my mediation would be acceptable. I received an answer in the affirmative, and after some correspondence, I was invited by the Grand Master to visit and to be the guest of his Grand Lodge during its session in the City of Montreal. I accepted this invitation, and at the end of January last I visited the Quebec Grand Lodge, by the members of which I was received in the most cordial manner. I found that these brethren earnestly desired a settlement of the difficulty between their Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of England, which should combine "peace with honor," and, adopting a recommendation contained in the address of the Grand Master, they passed the following resolution by an unanimous vote:

"That with regard to that part of the Grand Master's Address which refers to the withdrawal of the edicts of this G. L. heretofore issued against the Grand Lodge of England and the Lodges in this city adhering thereto, this Grand Lodge fully recognizes the necessity of strengthening the hands of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in his mediation between this Grand Lodge and the said Grand Lodge of England and her Lodges, and hereby authorizes the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who may be in office at any time, at the request of M. W. Bro. Walkem, to withdraw the said edicts, and that the remainder of said address be referred to 'The Committee on the State of Masonry,' to be reported on as soon as possible."

I do not feel at liberty to say more at present than that I

have entered upon the task committed to me, and am hopeful of carrying it to a successful issue. Meanwhile I must ask the Brethren, both in Ontario and Quebec, to exercise forbearance, and to refrain from criticism respecting the matters in dispute.

NEW LODGES.

As the result, I assume, of the policy of discountenancing the unnecessary multiplication of Lodges, adopted by my predecessors in office, I have during the past year received only three applications for dispensations to establish new Lodges, none of which I felt at liberty to grant. Two of these were for the establishment of Lodges at Waubaushene and Havelock, respectively, but neither was recommended by the District Deputy Grand Master by whom it was submitted, and I quite concurred in the reasons given by these officers for their refusal to recommend the applications. Weak Lodges cannot usefully exercise their functions; they soon cease to work properly, and they bring discredit upon the Order. I would, therefore, advocate the union of existing Lodges instead of the creation of new ones, unless, in any particular case, the latter course is plainly desirable.

The third application from some brethren at Jaffa, in Syria, I had no hesitation in rejecting. It is unwise, even if we have the right to do so, to establish Lodges in places where they cannot be efficiently supervised, and we have no officers whom we could spare to send to Syria on a tour of inspection.

CORNER STONES.

Special communications of Grand Lodge have been called for the performance of the ceremony of laying corner stones, and for the consecration and dedication of Lodges.

The corner stones of the following buildings have been laid:

St. George's Anglican Church, at the Township of Augusta, by R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, P. D. D. G. M., on the 22nd August, 1888.

Baptist Church at Langton, by R. W. Bro. William McDonald, D. D. G. M., on the 22nd May, 1889.

The new hall of Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, by myself, on the 26th June, 1889.

St. Mark's Anglican Church, Avonmore, by myself, on the 10th July, 1889.

CONSECRATIONS AND DEDICATIONS.

Lodge rooms for the following Lodges have been consecrated and dedicated during the past year:

Star of the East Lodge, Bothwell, by R. W. Bro. J. A. C. Anderson, D. D. G. M., on the 27th December, 1888.

Grand River Lodge, Berlin, by R. W. Bro. R. Mahoney, D. D. G. M., on the 22nd February, 1889.

Salem Lodge, Brockville, by myself, on the 20th May, 1889.

I observe with much pleasure that the new halls are more commodious than those formerly erected, and that we are gradually coming down stairs instead of monopolizing the upper chambers of buildings as we used to do. While no Lodge should be extravagant in the fitting up of its place of meeting, yet the exercise of taste in decoration and of care in arrangement is highly to be commended. We should be lodged in accordance with the dignity and importance of our Order.

DECISIONS.

A large number of questions were submitted to me during the year, for my decision. I suppose that my experience in this respect has been the same as that of my predecessors. I was obliged in some cases to decline to answer the questions submitted, on the ground that there was a possibility of their coming before me for adjudication, and it would be unwise to accept *ex parte* statements or to give *ex parte* decisions. I do not think the decisions I have given of sufficient importance to be reported. There are really very few unsettled questions, and if the Brethren who desire information would look carefully into their Book of Constitution, and the decisions which have, from time to time, been given, they would find, in most cases, what they wish to know.

I do not think it respectful to the District Deputy Grand Masters to apply to the Grand Master for advice over the heads of these Brethren, and I have discountenanced that practice as much as possible.

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS.

Several applications have been made to me during the past year for rulings on the subject of the physical qualifications of candidates. The ancient charges prefixed to the Book of Constitution lay down the rule that "no Master should take

an apprentice unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art or serving his Master's lord, and of being made a Brother and then a Fellow-craft in due time." This rule was adopted from the rules laid down by operative Masons for admission to the Craft, and does not require physical perfection in the candidate, which indeed could rarely be found, and could be established only by careful medical examination. I have, in dealing with these cases, adopted the rule laid down by M. W. Bro. Henderson in 1880, which he states in these words : "I hold that unless a candidate be in a condition to receive, perform, and communicate all parts of the ceremonies and duties of the Order, he is not eligible for the degree ; he must be capable of making himself known in the dark as well as in the light." The capacity referred to is natural capacity without artificial assistance. This rule, it seems to me, is sufficiently liberal, and is in harmony with the ancient charges.

I am not at all in favor of the strict construction of the rule respecting physical qualifications, adopted by some of our American brethren. Any rule should be construed with reference to the circumstances under which it was established, and the objects for which it was intended ; and its construction must also, I submit, be subject to modification from time to time, to meet altered circumstances. Even in the Courts of Law this principle is constantly recognized and acted upon. The qualifications required in a Mason at the present day, under our existing system, are essentially different from those required in the bygone time ; they are mental, rather than bodily qualifications, and I, therefore, think the rule we have adopted commends itself to reason and common sense.

BY-LAWS.

The clause of the Constitution which requires that the By-laws of Lodges shall be approved by the Grand Master, has imposed on me the duty of examining with care a large number of By-laws which were sent to me from time to time. While anxious to interfere as little as possible with the right of self-government granted to Private Lodges, it was yet my duty to see that their By-laws did not clash with the provisions of the Constitution. I was obliged to return many for amendment, because this rule had not been properly observed. On the other hand, many of the By-laws sent me are mere re-enactments of the provisions of the Constitution, having no force or effect whatever as By-laws. It has been explained to me, in justification of this practice, that it is convenient to

embody in the By-laws all the ordinary rules affecting discipline and the conduct of members in the Lodge. That object could be attained, however, by inserting in the book of By-laws an abstract of such of these rules as appear in the Constitution, and I would recommend the adoption of this suggestion in the framing of future By-laws. Some of the By-laws sent to me affecting the conduct of members in the Lodge appeared to me to be quite unnecessary and occasionally inquisitorial. The test of sobriety in the Lodge by inspection of a brother's countenance, suggested by some By-laws, is not always to be depended upon, and is certainly likely to lead to disputes. Many sinners against temperance carry no signs of their depravity in their faces, while on the other hand, many temperate are unjustly accused by their countenances. Regulations of this character are injudicious and unnecessary. The Master has full authority to enforce order in his Lodge, and his prerogative in this respect should be carefully preserved, and should not be made even to appear to depend upon a By-law of the Lodge.

There are two other points in which mistakes are constantly made: One is in providing that the auditors shall be appointed by the Master, whereas the Constitution requires that they shall be elected by the Lodge. The other is in providing for the election and composition of committees, whereas the Constitution (Clause 122) imposes on the Master the duty of appointing all standing committees for conducting the business of the Lodge, except the auditors. Many by-laws proposed to make the Master *ex-officio* a member of all committees—a provision which, even if not inconsistent with the clause I have just referred to, is objectionable on other grounds. The Master presides in the Lodge when the reports of committees are discussed, and it is important that, so presiding, he shall not have pre-judged the matter under discussion, and shall be entirely free from bias in respect of it.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

By a circular dated at Sydney on the 1st September, 1888, I have been advised of the formation of the "United Grand Lodge of New South Wales." The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was formed in the year 1877, but several of the Lodges working in connection with the Mother Grand Lodges at first declined to join it. So far as I know, all the Lodges have now joined, and a new Grand Lodge has been formed under the title which I have mentioned. The Grand Master,

Lord Carrington, who is Governor of the Colony, asks from our Grand Lodge official and fraternal recognition.

I have also been advised of the formation on the 20th March, 1889, of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria, and of the election of the Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke, Baronet, as its first Grand Master. In the formation of this Grand Lodge, 142 out of 145 Lodges in the Colony, heretofore under the English, Irish, Scotch and Victorian Constitutions, joined.

The Grand Master prefers a similar request for recognition to that made by the Grand Master of New South Wales.

Within the last few days I have also received a circular from the Grand Master of the new Grand Lodge of North Dakota. This Grand Lodge has been formed by the division of the territory of Dakota into two parts, following its political division into the States of North and South Dakota.

I am informed that the new Grand Lodge was organized on the 13th June, 1889, with the full consent of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, and in pursuance of the report of a committee of that body by whom it has been recognized as an independent Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master, James W. Cloes, asks for recognition by our Grand Lodge.

I have much pleasure in recommending a cordial compliance with these requests, and I wish the new Grand Lodges "God speed" in their career of usefulness.

The Colonies of New South Wales and Victoria are, as most of the Brethren are no doubt aware, situated at the south-east angle of the Australian Continent.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

On the recommendation of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas I have appointed as our representative near that Grand Lodge, R. W. Bro. T. M. Horsfall, instead of the late R. W. Bro. R. McPherson; and I have recommended the re-appointment of R. W. Bros. J. B. Trayes and David McLellan as the representatives, near our Grand Lodge, of the Grand Lodges of Delaware and Illinois, respectively. These latter appointments were rendered necessary by the adoption by their Grand Lodges of the practice of appointing their representative for limited terms; a practice of which I

approve, and which I think we should adopt. I would also recommend that no brother hold more than a limited number of appointments, to be determined by Grand Lodge.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Grand Lodge had, on the 31st May, 1888, a capital of \$69,243.43, of which \$60,000 was invested. I observe that from 1868 to 1888, a period of twenty years, our capital has been increased from \$35,340.70 to \$69,243.43. The interest on the invested capital, \$60,000, for the year ending the 31st May, 1888, amounted to \$3,006.55.

From some statements kindly prepared for my use by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, Chairman of the Committee on Benevolence, I find that during the last thirty-one years the sum of \$171,319.05 has been paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge in grants to widows, orphans, and needy Brethren.

The direct grants for benevolence, given by Grand Lodge, amounted, in 1858, to \$40.00; in 1859, to \$100.00. Since 1861, when the grants also amounted to \$100.00, they have increased year by year, until, in 1879, they reached the sum of \$11,090.00. The grants for the year 1888 amounted to \$10,805.00; and the average for several years past may be said to be \$11,000.00. These results shew careful management and a full appreciation by Grand Lodge of the claims made upon them for benevolent purposes. It rests with those who are responsible for the transmission to the Board of the information on which the grants are based to see that the returns asked for are regularly and correctly made. The Board cannot exercise a wise discretion in the distribution of charity unless they are furnished with reliable information respecting the applicants. There have been many complaints of carelessness in the sending in of these returns, and this carelessness has, in some cases, resulted in depriving worthy objects of bounty of the grants which would have been made to them had the rules of the Board been complied with.

There are now upon our list of pensioners, 355 widows, 55 orphans, and 31 needy Brethren.

FLORIDA YELLOW FEVER SUFFERERS.

In September last our Brethren in Florida, sorely stricken by the scourge of yellow fever, issued an appeal to their Brethren throughout the world for assistance. Believing that I should be carrying out the desire of Grand Lodge by respond-

ing promptly to this appeal, I caused the sum of \$200 to be sent to the Relief Committee at Jacksonville. This remittance was acknowledged by the Treasurer in a letter to our Grand Secretary, in which he says: "You have the honor of being the first contributor from any jurisdiction outside of the United States." I would ask Grand Lodge to approve of this grant as a proper exercise of the charity which we owe to our distressed Brethren in every quarter of the globe.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

The resolution to resume our report on Foreign Correspondence, passed at last meeting of Grand Lodge, has borne fruit, and the first number of the new issue has just been placed in my hands. M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson is the Chairman of the Committee which has charge of this important subject, and the work issued bears testimony to his care and industry in the examination of the proceedings of Foreign Grand Lodges, of which, fifty-three are reviewed. The money spent for the publication of this report is, in my opinion, wisely invested. We acquire from it a knowledge of what is going on around us, of the questions which agitate other Grand Lodges, and we are thus enabled to compare our work and condition with those of our neighbors to avoid what is evil, and adopt what is beneficial in their practice. I hope that this work will be continued.

PLACE OF MEETING.

The selection of our place of meeting is a very important matter as affecting the comfort and convenience of the members of Grand Lodge, and the success of the meeting itself.

Objections have been made to leaving this question to be determined until nearly the close of the meeting of Grand Lodge. These objections come, I assume, not from those who have been present and voted on the question, but from those who attended Grand Lodge but left before the next place of meeting was selected. At any rate, the objections ultimately take the form that the wishes of these latter have not been consulted. If Brethren either do not attend Grand Lodge at all, or having attended, leave before the business is concluded, the presumption is, that they have willingly and confidently entrusted the conduct of its affairs to those who do attend during the whole session, and objections urged on their behalf are not worthy of much consideration. I would, however, advise that the place of next meeting be determined during the early part of the session of Grand Lodge.

I cannot close my remarks without expressing my thanks to the officers of Grand Lodge for the assistance they have given me during the past year. Our system of division into districts, each under the superintendence of a D. D. G. M., has been much praised by foreign critics. To the District Deputy Grand Masters themselves, I must give the credit of being worthy and pains-taking officers. The success of our administrative system depends largely upon the way in which these Brethren perform their duties.

I have already alluded to the good work done by the D.G.M., and I cheerfully bear witness to the ability, diligence, and punctuality of the Grand Secretary in the discharge of his very onerous duties.

R. T. WALKEM,
Grand Master.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the address of the M. W. the Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters be received, considered as read, and referred to the Board of General Purposes.

ERIE DISTRICT, No. 1.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—In submitting my report of Erie District, No. 1, I can assure you it has been a pleasing duty to act in the honorable position to which I was unanimously elected at Grand Lodge last July. The kindness then accorded me has stimulated me during the year to give as much time and attention as possible to visiting the several Lodges comprising this District. If I have failed in the discharge of any of my Masonic duties it has been through errors of judgment.

It was my intention to have begun my official visits shortly after my return from Grand Lodge, but on consulting with

Brethren of several Lodges, I was asked to defer doing so until later. On October 18th I visited Rodney Lodge, No. 411; the second degree was conferred on a candidate by W. Bro. McIntyre, of McColl Lodge, No. 386. The Wardens were fairly up in their work, but I could not say as much for the appointed Officers. On the 28th October I attended an emergency meeting of Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor. The Worshipful Master being unavoidably absent, W. Bro. Craig had charge of the work, and conferred the third degree in a creditable manner.

Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim: I made my first official visit to Kent Lodge, No. 274, on the 12th of November. Although I had given due notice of my visit, I was disappointed on my arrival to learn that the W. Master was absent. Past Master Upper took charge of the Lodge.

W. Bro. Carpenter, who accompanied me from Ridgetown, kindly conferred the third degree on a candidate at my request. The Wardens had their work up, and the other Officers gave fair support.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 422, Bothwell: I visited this Lodge December the 27th and installed the Officers. This Lodge has been constituted about a year, and is doing well. After the installation, the opening and closing of the several degrees was exemplified, and I found the Officers well skilled. Although the membership is not large there is a good disposition manifested among them to excel, if possible, in all their work.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown: I visited this Lodge January 15th. This meeting was called for the purpose of installing the Officers, and I was invited to perform the ceremony. There not being any work I could not say as to their proficiency; but, from what I know of them personally, I believe Howard Lodge will maintain its good reputation during this Masonic year. I noticed by the financial statement, as shown by the Auditors' report, that this Lodge is in a good financial standing. The Lodge room is commodious and comfortable.

Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington: I visited this Lodge on January 16th. From circumstances, beyond my control, I could not get there by the evening train, and to keep my engagement had to drive eighteen miles, and as it was nine o'clock when I reached there, the degree work was about through with, and unfortunately I did not have the pleasure of

seeing it exemplified. I installed the Officers of this Lodge, and from the apparent unanimous selection, I bespeak a successful Masonic year for No. 290.

Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre: I visited this Lodge January 17th, accompanied by Worshipful Bros. Carpenter and Bottoms. Since the inception and institution of this Lodge I have felt a personal interest in it. The Brethren started under the difficulty of not having a Past Master. Their first Master was absent from home on several occasions when there were regular meetings, and I (with other Brethren) was called on to do the work. There has been a steady growth, the Lodge is in a healthy state, and has Past Masters who are a credit to the Craft. It was also my pleasant duty to install the Officers for the ensuing year, and judging from my past acquaintance with the Brethren elected and appointed to office, I have reason to think they will conduct the affairs of the Lodge with zeal and prudence.

Highgate Lodge, No. 336, Highgate: I visited this Lodge February the 15th, accompanied by a number of the Brethren of Howard Lodge, Ridgetown. The duty devolving on me on this occasion was the installation of Officers. After this ceremony was performed, the Brethren then repaired to a Hall, where they were met by their families and invited guests, and after the usual introductions and salutations were gone through, a very intellectual and entertaining programme was introduced and enjoyed by all present. We had no sooner concluded the instructive and amusing part than we were invited to partake of a sumptuous banquet.

The membership of this Lodge is not large and they are scattered over an area of from six to ten miles, but it is to their credit to say that the meetings are well attended and everything is going on well, except the collection of dues. This matter has had the serious attention of the Brethren, and I have no doubt will shortly be put right.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 245, Thamesville: I visited this Lodge on February 26th, and was accompanied by V. W. Bro. Paine and W. Bro. Middleditch. Its being a regular meeting there was a raising, and V. W. Bro. Paine conferred the degree in his usual effective manner.

This Lodge is progressing steadily, and although it suffered the loss by fire of nearly all its furniture, jewels and regalia, the Brethren very courageously have continued the work.

They are now meeting in a hall with the I. O. O. F., as there is no other in the village that they can secure for their exclusive use. They have succeeded in securing premises, which are being conveniently fitted up and furnished.

Lorne Lodge, No. 282, Glencoe : I visited this Lodge on February 27th, and was royally and enthusiastically received by the Worshipful Master and Brethren. R. W. Bro. Lumley, the W. Master, very ably and efficiently rules, and to his ability and love for the old landmarks may be traced the past and present prosperity of Masonry in No. 282. There not being any work, the R. W. Master exemplified the opening and closing of the several degrees. There were a number of visiting Worshipful Masters and Brethren from sister Lodges, and the interchange of Masonic sentiment was entertaining, and, coming as it did from the heart, conduced to stimulate and encourage the Brethren.

Hammond Lodge, No. 327, Wardsville : I visited this Lodge on March 1st, and was accompanied by W. Bros. Carpenter, Rheintgen and McGuggan. The work here was not up to the average. The W. Master and Officers live in the country, and on account of getting together only on Lodge nights, are not properly posted in their work. The Brethren gave me to understand they would meet together for instruction ; and, as they are in a good financial condition, I have hopes of their future success. A pleasant evening was spent in the Lodge in discussing constitutional points, especially the care to be observed in admitting visitors.

McColl Lodge, No. 386, West Lorne : I visited this Lodge April 9th, accompanied by W. Bros. Dorland, Carpenter and others. This is a Lodge whose membership is composed of Brethren who reside in the surrounding country, and although they are living some distance from the Lodge, their register shows a good attendance. The Brethren of McColl Lodge are enthusiastic Masons, and I was very much pleased with the correct manner in which they have mastered the work. The Worshipful Master and Officers are all well posted. The Brethren spent a pleasant and profitable evening.

Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown : I visited this Lodge April 16th. There was a large gathering on this occasion. In the early part of the evening representatives from McColl, Rodney, Highgate and Ridgetown Lodges met together and discussed the advantages of forming a Local Board of Relief, which resulted in the organization of a Provisional Board of Officers and appointment of a Committee to draft By-laws, to

be submitted to the several Lodges. This being a regular meeeting, there was a candidate to be passed to the second degree. The W. Master of Howard Lodge requested W. Bro. Dorland, of Rodney Lodge, to confer it, which he did with fine effect. I do not remember ever having heard the degree given in a more impressive manner.

Parvaim Lodge, No. 395, Comber: I visited this Lodge on May the 10th. The attendance was not large, and I found here, as in some other instances, the Brethren do not come till late, and consequently the hour is late before the Lodge is opened, which is very detrimental to its best interests. The W. Master is well skilled, but he is only fairly supported by his Officers. The Lodge is making some progress and needs some enthusiasm worked up in order to assure a larger attendance at regular meetings.

Thistle Lodge, No. 34, Amherstburg: I visited this Lodge May 14th, and was very cordially received by the Brethren, and had the pleasure of forming the acquaintance of a number of the old Pioneers in Masonry. This Lodge was constituted forty years ago and has enjoyed a successful career. From records that had been in possession of the Lodge, it appears that there was a Masonic Lodge in Amherstburg about the year 1812, and it is supposed its being a military one that when the regiment was removed the charter and jewels were also taken.

W. Bro. J. H. Webber, the W. Master, is an enthusiastic young Mason, and is anxious that No. 34 may not decline under his administration. All the Officers are well posted, in fact, the Brethren are alive to the interests of the Lodge.

Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex Centre: I visited this Lodge May 15th. Bro. J. W. Richardson, the W. Master, conferred the first and third degrees on candidates impressively, and I was well satisfied with the way he conducted his Lodge. The Wardens were fairly up in their work. I would like to have seen a larger number present; some were unavoidably detained by family sickness, but from the membership on the books I looked for a better attendance. Central Lodge has a large and commodious Lodge room, and is endeavoring to keep in a healthy condition by enforcing the By-laws in reference to non-payment of dues, and in this they are to be commended.

St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville: I visited this Lodge May 16th, and was accompanied by W. Bro. Clarke of

Essex Centre, I was unable to meet the Brethren on their regular, and desired their W. Master to call an emergency. Through absence from home, and an unusual press of (Gas) business, he was unable to give as much notice as might be desirable to assure a good attendance. However, we had a meeting, and I have only to say, that R. W. Bro. Allworth is W. Master, to assure the Craft who know him so well as an old and tried Mason, that prosperity still attends St. George. The Brethren have sold the property owned by them, and are now completing arrangements to build a brick block and fit up in it a suitable Lodge room.

Windsor Lodge, No. 403, Windsor : I visited this Lodge May 17th, and had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Morgan, W. Master of this Lodge, confer the first degree on a candidate, and I may say the manner in which it was done reflected credit on every officer. The proper impression was made on the candidate, and those sublime principles which it is our aim and object to inculcate in the mind and conduct of newly initiated E. A's were fully demonstrated.

Rodney Lodge, No. 411, Rodney : I visited this Lodge May 20th. The Brethren at Rodney gave me a most cordial reception. Invitations had been extended to Ridgetown, Highgate and McColl Lodges, which were accepted, and on my entrance was delighted to find the hall filled. Worshipful Bro. Dorland is a young Mason and well skilled in the landmarks. The Wardens are also well up in the work, and I found a marked improvement in the working of this Lodge since my last visit, which is due to the united interest the Brethren are now taking in their Lodge.

Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham : I visited this Lodge June 3rd. The W. Master Bro. Birch, presided, and conferred the first degree on a candidate very creditably. The Wardens are also well skilled. R. W. Bro. T. C. McNabb, who is a member of Wellington, was present, and as usual gave the Brethren the benefit of his matured experience. This Lodge is in a prosperous condition and has a large membership which is increasing. The Chatham Brethren have a commodious and beautifully furnished Lodge room, and are always pleased to meet Brother Masons and welcome them within their walls.

Parthenon Lodge, No. 367, Chatham : I visited this Lodge on June the 5th, and was accompanied by R. W. Bro. Milner, V. W. Bro. Watson, W. Bros. Langford, Dart, (District Secretary,) Porterfield and others. Bro. Rankin is well skilled and enthusiastic ; the Wardens being absent I did not have the

pleasure of meeting them. This Lodge has a membership of over sixty, but I am sorry to report that they do not attend meetings as they should. There was not any work, and it being the meeting for election of Officers, that business was proceeded with very unanimously. W. Bro. Rankin was re-elected to the W. Master's chair, which I think was for the best interest of the Lodge, as he is very anxious for its prosperity. My impression is that Lodges would profit by re-electing Masters to a second or third term of office when they succeed in getting a competent Bro. to preside over them. There not being any work, I requested the W. Master to open and close in the three degrees, and while doing so several points were discussed in an instructive and friendly way.

Pynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg: I visited this Lodge June 10th, and was accompanied by W. Bros. Bogart, Carscallen and Switzer. The Brethren of Wallaceburg have a comfortable and tastily furnished Lodge room, which is a credit to them. There was a large attendance, and we had a good meeting. W. Bro. Stewart, Master of the Lodge, presided, and conferred the first degree on a candidate, and W. Bro. Switzer conferred the third degree—the work throughout being well done. I found the Officers attentive to their duties, and the average attendance good. There is a membership of over 80, and the Lodge is getting into a sound financial state. There has been, heretofore, in this Lodge (as in others) a tendency to allow the dues of members to fall in arrears. The W. Master informs me that since the by-laws are being enforced there is more attention given to the payment, and as a consequence the funds are increasing and the Lodge must go ahead.

Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden: I visited this Lodge June 13th, and was accompanied by W. Bro. Bogart, of Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, and received a very kind reception from the Brethren. It being the regular meeting for the election of officers, that order of business was conducted throughout most harmoniously. There not being any work before the Lodge other than routine, a Lodge of Instruction was opened in the third degree. W. Bro. N. J. Bogart very kindly consented to exemplify the secret work therein, for which he had the appreciation and thanks of those present. The Brethren of this Lodge are energetic and thorough in their work, and are careful in selection of material, which is to be commended in them and in every Lodge in our Grand Lodge Jurisdiction who make this a matter of care and prudence.

Florence Lodge, No. 390, Florence: I visited this Lodge

July 5th, accompanied by W. Bro. Rheintgen, of Newbury. W. Bro. Drew, W. Master of this Lodge, kindly called an emergency, and had a candidate for the third degree. At the request of the W. Master, W. Bro. Rheintgen conferred the same in an impressive manner. The Senior and Junior Wardens and other Officers were well skilled. This Lodge has not a large membership. They have been unfortunate in losing members by removal to the North-West and other parts of the Dominion. It being a busy time, and the membership principally composed of Brethren who reside in the country, the attendance was small. The W. Master and Officers are energetic and anxious to succeed in all their work.

This closes my official visits, and I have visited all the Lodges in this district except Albion, No. 80, Newbury. I went there on the 28th of February, and on arrival was disappointed to be informed by the W. Master that it would not be possible to get a meeting for that night. He had hopes that he would be able to call the Brethren together to meet me before the close of my Masonic year; however, he has failed in the attempt, not from any fault of his, as he assures me that he and other Brethren have endeavored to bring around a more satisfactory state of affairs, and an effort is now being put forth to get No. 80 into running order, and there are hopes of succeeding. The cause of the trouble is the old story, arrearage of dues, the rock on which so many Lodges have foundered. After an examination of the books and inventory of the property, I don't see any reason why, by a combined effort on the part of the Brethren, No. 80, should not become the prosperous and good working Lodge it once was.

I don't know how it is in other districts, I find there is a feeling among a number of the Lodges in No. 1, that the benevolent fund is not at their disposal just as freely as they would wish, and possibly it is wise that it is not. I have made it a point in my visits to draw the attention of the Brethren to the "Appendix of the new Constitution," which lays down the proper course to be taken to obtain grants for the needy and worthy.

If Lodges do not put themselves in a position to secure assistance, they should not blame Grand Lodge or the Board of General Purposes. In several sections of this district I have pointed out the advantage of two or more Lodges together forming Local Boards of Relief, not only that they may be in a position to get grants from Grand Lodge, if required, but also to raise a fund which would be available in an emer-

gency. I have in a measure been instrumental in getting the Lodges at Ridgetown, Highgate, Rodney and West Lorne, to form a Local Board of Relief.

The Brethren have entered heartily into the matter, by appointing a Board of Directors, who have elected the necessary Officers and adopted By-laws which have been forwarded to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for confirmation. A very happy feature of the establishment of this Board is the fraternal feeling which has sprung up between these Lodges through an interchange of visits and a friendly rivalry in perfecting the work.

In the early part of the month of May, I had the pleasure of calling two district meetings, one at Chatham and one at Windsor, for the purpose of hearing R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson deliver his interesting Lecture on "The Craft History of Canada for a Century Past." The meetings were well attended, particularly at Windsor, where a number of the Detroit Brethren availed themselves of the opportunity of hearing the lecture. The Brethren were delighted with the eloquent and pleasing manner in which it was delivered, and I am free to say that the Craft owes the R. W. Bro. a debt of gratitude for the labor and cost of getting the subject matter together, outside of delivering it.

I issued the following Dispensations to appear in public clothed as Masons, to attend Divine Service: December 24th—Sydenham Lodge, No. 255, Dresden; Howard Lodge, No. 391, Ridgetown; Pynx Lodge, No. 312, Wallaceburg; June 23rd—Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim; June 23rd—Leamington Lodge, No. 290, Leamington; June 23rd—Central Lodge, No. 402, Essex Centre; June 30th—Naphtali Lodge, No. 413, Tilbury Centre and June 7th—Wellington Lodge, No. 46, Chatham.

In reporting on the condition of Masonry in No. 1 district, I believe, on the whole, the Lodges are making satisfactory progress. On my return from Grand Lodge, I issued a circular to the Lodges requesting the Secretaries to send me summaries of all meetings. This has been complied with in almost all cases, and from this source I am pleased to learn that the Lodges are having work to do.

The harmony that exists within this district is shown from the fact that I have not had a case of grievance or appeal. This I can assure you is very gratifying to me.

I cannot conclude my report on the First Masonic district,

without thanking the Brethren for the courtesy and kindness they have on all occasions extended to me, and I sincerely hope that peace and prosperity may continue.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. A. C. ANDERSON,

D. D. G. M., No. 1, (*Erie*) District.

RIDGETOWN, July 10th, 1889.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT, No. 2.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—I beg respectfully to submit my Annual Report on the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District, No. 2.

The Brethren of the above district having done me the honor of electing me as their official representative for the past year, I desire to express my gratification for the honor conferred, and for the pleasure I have enjoyed and the kindness and courtesy shown me during my official term.

This district contains 19 Lodges. I have officially visited all once, and some of them two or three times ; and I have pleasure in reporting that harmony, peace, and loyalty to the Craft and to properly constituted authority, is recognized by all.

The following is a record of my official visits and acts for the past year :

Havelock Lodge, No. 238, Watford : Paid my first official visit to this Lodge on August 14th, it being my mother Lodge. R. W. Bro. Jamieson presided and initiated a candidate with his usual skill and ability ; but I regret that some of the other Officers are not giving that attention to the "work" which is necessary for the skilful performance of same. Havelock, in years gone by, was considered one of the best working Lodges in the west, but, aside from the W. Master, the others require a good deal of drilling to bring their Lodge up to its former position among the Lodges in St. Clair District. Members present, 15.

I again visited Havelock on Sept. 18th, and with W. Bro. A. Cameron, of Ionic Lodge, No. 328, installed the Officers.

Bismarck Lodge, No. 419, Point Edward: I visited this Lodge on Aug. 27th, it being the infant Lodge in my district so far as age is concerned, but for general proficiency and well-grounded Officers they rank among the oldest. The third degree was exemplified—W. Bro. McIntyre in the East—and I need only say the work was done correctly, in fact as correct as can well be done by any Officer. Some W. Masters would perhaps give the wording of the degree a little more impressively, but none more accurately. The other Officers did their part equally well. I also installed the Officers of Bismarck Lodge. Sept. 10th, assisted by R. W. Bro. Sinclair and R. W. Bro. Newell, P. D. D. G. M's. Bismarck is growing rapidly. Members present, 20; visitors, 25.

Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston: I visited this Lodge October 17th. On account of bad roads I was a little late arriving, and the Lodge was opened in the third degree—W. Bro. French presiding. Bro. McCallum was raised to the sublime degree. The W. Master evidently understands the work well, but got slightly confused, no doubt on account of so many visitors, nearly all being P. M's. A visiting brother P. M. undertook to finish the degree, but with very little better success. The other Officers did their work fairly well. Opening and closing very good. Members present, 22; visitors, 8.

St. John's Lodge, No. 81, Mt. Brydges: On October 23rd I had the pleasure of occupying the chair in connection with a concert under the auspices of St. John's Lodge. This Lodge is composed of a number of pushing, energetic masons, and they presented a programme to the public creditable to themselves and worthy of the noble Order under whose banner they are laboring. This Lodge is in excellent financial circumstances, and is prospering.

Ionic Lodge, No. 328, Napier: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Nov. 16th. The W. Master and J. W. not being present, W. Bro. A. Cameron, P. M., filled the East, and W. Bro. Dunlop, P. M., the South; the West and other offices were filled with their respective officers. Bro. Sutherland was raised to the sublime degree. The work was well done, Ionic coming up to her previous record for accuracy and general proficiency. 13 members present.

Euclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy: I visited this Lodge on

Jan. 10th, 1889. The candidate expected for third degree did not put in an appearance. Lodge was opened in three degrees. W. Bro. Evans performed his part well, as did also his Wardens. The evening was spent as a Lodge of Instruction. Members present, 18.

Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie: I paid my official visit to this Lodge on Jan. 16th, when I installed the Officers, assisted by W. Bros. Kennedy and McMillan, P. M's of Huron Lodge, and W. Bro. Dunlop, P. M. of Ionic Lodge, Napier. No other work was done, but the Brethren of Huron Lodge seem to be keeping up to the standard and doing their duty. After the Lodge adjourned we were invited to the Town Hall, and were very much surprised at the treat in store for us. The tables were set on both sides, full length of hall, and seated about 120 people. After lunch, speeches, readings, solos, duetts and instrumental music completed a very happy and profitable evening. Permission was granted Huron Lodge, No. 392, to change their regular night of meeting from Wednesday on and after to Wednesday on or before, proper notice having been given.

Burns Lodge, No. 153, Wyoming: I visited this Lodge on March 14th—Senior Warden absent, W. Bro. Wilson presiding. No work has been done in this Lodge for some time. W. Master has a very fair knowledge of the "work," but requires more practice; J. Warden will be all right with a little more study. Opened and closed in three degrees fairly well, but the Officers promised to give the subject their attention, and I am in hopes when my successor visits Burns Lodge next year he will find a good working Lodge. Members present, 11.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83 and Euclid Lodge, 366: R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D. G. M., delivered his popular address on the "Craft," in above Lodge rooms, on March 18th; about 60 members were present from Watford, Napier, Delaware, Mt. Brydges, Lobo, Strathroy, and other places. R. W. Bro. Robertson was given the best of attention throughout his masterly address, and many favorable comments were expressed upon his zeal in the cause, in thus placing before the Brethren of the present day a chain of evidence showing the working of the Craft from its introduction on this continent down to the time of the formation of the present Grand Lodge. The members of Beaver and Euclid Lodges catered to the wants of the visitors, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was enjoyed by all.

Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia: Paid my official visit to

this Lodge on March 19th—W. R. Bro. Samis in the East. The second degree was exemplified, the work being well done; each and every Officer performing his part proficiently. Victoria has plenty of active and enthusiastic Officers and members to do it. This was also the occasion of the second visit by the Deputy Grand Master to St. Clair district, who received the same kindly greeting and as an appreciative audience as on his first visit. Members present, 26; visitors, 25.

Beaver Lodge, No. 83, Strathroy: I visited this Lodge on March 22nd—W. Bro. Currie presiding. Two candidates were balloted for, accepted and regularly initiated. This was W. Bro. Currie's first effort in the East (*re* initiation), and it is only fair to say that the work was done very impressively and correctly, the other Officers doing their parts well. Beaver Lodge is progressing, as she ought, for she has many expert craftsmen among her members. Members present, 16; visitors, 9.

Leopold Lodge, No. 397, Brigden: Paid my official visit to this Lodge on April 10th—W. Bro. Leacock officiating. The evening was spent in initiating a candidate, and as a Lodge of instruction in opening and closing in the three degrees; J. Warden was absent. This was W. Bro. Leacock's first experience as Master in the exemplification of a degree and, like many of the young W. Masters, did his duty well and to my entire satisfaction. The other Officers were well up in the work. Members present, 12.

Moore Lodge, No. 294, Mooretown: I visited this Lodge on April 11th. W. Master in the chair; J. Warden absent. No work. Opened and closed in three degrees, W. Master and S. Warden doing that portion of the work well. The only question of importance in connection with Moore Lodge is that a number of the Brethren are anxious to remove the Lodge to Courtright, which is strongly opposed by others, who wish to retain it in its present position; otherwise harmony prevails. Members present, 14.

Cassia Lodge, No. 116, Thedford: I officially visited this Lodge on April 15th. A candidate was expected for third degree, but did not come; a Brother, however, offered his services, and the exemplification of the third degree was proceeded with. The W. M. has a good fair knowledge of the work, but lacks confidence and experience to do himself justice. I advised them to hold Lodges of instruction among themselves, as all the Officers require to give the subject

more study and attention, when no doubt they will have a first-class Lodge.

Application was also made asking permission to amend Cassia Lodge By-laws, reducing annual dues from 25c. per month to \$1.00 per annum, which was granted by the M. W. the Grand Master; also application asking for the expulsion of W. Bro. Parson, by Grand Lodge, for unmasonic conduct, which I referred to the Grand Secretary. V. W. Bro. Underwood, of Ingersoll, was present and ably assisted in the instructions in the third degree. Members present, 14; visitors, 3.

Forest Lodge, No. 263, Forest: I visited this Lodge on April 16th—W. Bro. Griggs in the East. The W. M. rules his Lodge well. A candidate was duly initiated, and the ceremony performed correctly and effectively; the Wardens and other Officers doing their part very satisfactorily. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees and, with the exception of the J. Warden (who is a very young Officer and has not had sufficient time to prepare himself further than the first degree), each Officer is thoroughly competent to fill his particular office with credit to himself and to his Lodge. Members present, 24.

Petrolia Lodge, No. 194 and Washington, No. 260, Petrolia: The Brethren of these two Lodges very kindly allowed me the pleasure of paying my official visit to their respective Lodges on the evening of May 1st, being the date arranged for the visit of the Deputy Grand Master. There was a large attendance of the Brethren from Brigden, Oil Springs, Wyoming, Camlachie, Hamilton, London, Napier and other places, or about 60 Brethren outside of the members of Petrolia Lodges. The Deputy Grand Master and myself were entertained by the Brethren of Petrolia in a most hospitable and brotherly manner. The lecture by the D. G. M. was delivered well, considering the extra strain on his nervous system, from the fact that he had that afternoon received his first degree in the art of exploring for oil, and the great number of "jerkers" constantly on the move, as viewed by him for the first time, was almost sufficient to mystify even so brilliant an orator as our worthy Deputy. The address was highly appreciated by all present. A pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of a P. D. D. G. M.'s apron to R. W. Bro. Sinclair. The presentation was made by myself, on behalf of the Brethren of St. Clair District. R. W. Bro. Sinclair replied, expressing his sincere thanks for the honor conferred on him by the Brethren of this district.

Arkona Lodge, No. 307, Arkona: I visited this Lodge on May 9th—W. Master and J. Warden were absent. Their offices were filled with P. M's. Bro. Dodds was passed to the second degree, the exemplification being done very well, the balance of the evening was spent as a Lodge of instruction. Members present, 17; visitors, 3.

Dufferin Lodge, No. 364, Melbourne: I officially visited this Lodge on May 15th. We were somewhat disappointed on getting into the Lodge room at the hour named, to notice an account of the W. Master being off attending to his professional duties, but at a late hour he returned and we were admitted. No work on hand; J. Warden absent; S. Warden not well up and the W. Master only requires a little brushing up to stand in the first ranks as a worker and a ruler in his Lodge. But there is one thing I respectfully beg to suggest to the officers and members of Dufferin Lodge, and especially those in the Village and near at hand, that if you wish your Lodge to occupy the very creditable position it firmly held, as regards members, and the interest manifested in Dufferin by its own Brethren, you must make it a point to get to your Lodge room earlier in the evening, and not keep the members who live quite a distance in the country waiting until 10 o'clock, or thereabouts, until Lodge is opened, as I am informed several of your members demitted on this account. Evening spent as a Lodge of instruction. Members present, 9.

Alexandra Lodge, No. 158, Oil Springs. I visited this Lodge on May 16th, concluding my official visits. Through a misunderstanding, the Secretary of the Lodge did not receive notice of my coming, and the W. Master was not present. W. Bro. Smith, P. M., took the chair. A candidate was balloted for and accepted. No other work and no candidate present. Cannot report as to general proficiency, the Lodge being opened only in first degree, but what was done was according to the "work." I think Alexandra is doing nicely. Members present, 12.

THE CHARACTER OF THE WORK.

I am happy to say that the great majority of the Lodges render the ritualistic part of the ceremonies as near as can be to the recognized work, and is certainly very agreeable to the D. D. G. M., as in most cases his duties are very light.

DEATHS.

The deaths of the following brethren have been reported to

me: Bro. R. H. Cozens, member of Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia; Bro. James Wright, a member of Huron Lodge, No. 392, Camlachie.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have, during my term of office, granted Dispensations to the following Lodges to attend divine service, clothed as Masons: Victoria Lodge, No. 56, Sarnia; Beaver Lodge, No. 83 and Euclid Lodge, No. 366, Strathroy; Alvinston Lodge, No. 323, Alvinston.

DISTANCE TRAVELED.

I have, during my term of office, travelled about 940 miles in making official visits to the Lodges.

EXPENSES.

I desire to tender my thanks to the following Lodges for contributing towards the payment of my expenses: Bismarck, Alvinston, St. John's, Euclid, Huron, Burns, Victoria, Beaver, Leopold, Moore, Cassia, Forest, Petrolia, Dufferin and Alexandra.

CONCLUSION.

I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the Brethren of the district for the many acts of kindness and good will extended towards me during my term of office, and also to the Grand Secretary for information most heartily rendered by him whenever required, and I think I can safely assure my successor a hearty and loyal welcome, and genuine support by the Brethren of the St. Clair District.

W. S. CALVERT,

D. D. G. M., St. Clair District, No. 2.

NAPIER, June 20th, 1889.

LONDON DISTRICT No. 3.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in No. 3 District, better known as London District. This dis-

trict contains twenty-eight Lodges, all of which I have officially visited.

St. Thomas Lodge No. 44, St. Thomas: My first official visit was paid Aug. 2nd, 1888; had a good attendance; saw the first and third degrees conferred; the work was done by the regular Officers and was very well done. The work is in good hands and the Lodge is in a prosperous condition, I gave a lecture on the third degree at the close of the work.

St. John's Lodge No. 209a, London: Visited this Lodge on August 9th, and saw the third degree conferred according to their work. The work was done by the regular Officers, all of whom are most thoroughly posted. In fact good posting seems to be one of the essentials of office in this Lodge. There were about 50 Brethren present on the occasion, and it afforded me a great deal of pleasure to congratulate them on the possession of so well posted and competent a staff of Officers. Although the work is somewhat different from our own, yet the lessons taught and the principles instilled in the minds of the candidates are exactly the same as with ourselves.

St. John's Lodge, No. 20, London: Visited Aug. 13th. This Lodge meets in the Masonic Temple. I did not see any work done. They had two candidates for advancement, but they were both absent from the city. The work is done by the regular Officers, and, judging from the manner of opening and closing, must be well done.

Delaware Valley Lodge, No. 358, Delaware: Visited Aug. 17th. They have a very nice Lodge here, with a membership of 32 in good standing. Did not see any work done. Caused them to open and close in the three degrees, which was very well done. There has been a little difficulty existing in this Lodge for several months past, but I am pleased to report that, with their own assistance, I have succeeded in settling it, and peace and harmony prevail. At the close of the meeting I gave a lecture on the first degree.

Springfield Lodge, No. 259, Springfield: Visited Aug. 20. This Lodge has 23 members on the roll, of which there are 1 over four years in arrears, 4 over three years and 2 over two years in arrears for dues. The books are kept in a business-like manner. They meet in a rented hall, which is very well furnished, for which they pay \$25.00 a year. I found them in a very bad state, not having had a meeting for six months, and Grand Lodge dues had not been paid for five years. This Lodge was at one time a very bright and live Lodge, but they

seem to have lost all interest in Masonry. Although I sent them notice ten days previous to my visit, they could only muster the W. M., S. W., J. W. and Secretary—four members in all. They had got quite discouraged, and were talking of giving up their Charter. I advised them to make another effort, as there were enough good paying members to run a first-class Lodge, and to suspend the rest. After some consideration they agreed to try it once more. I instructed the Secretary to notify me, from time to time, how they were getting along, and I am pleased to report that they have paid their Grand Lodge dues and have taken in four new members, and are doing well. I intended giving them another visit, but thus far I have been unable to do so.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 171, Iona : Visited Aug. 24th. There was no work. They had two candidates for initiation, but both of them were away from home. I caused them to open and close in the three degrees, which, with the exception of a little nervousness on the part of the W. M., was very well done. They are good workers, and have the work very correct. I decided a few questions with reference to the ceremonies, and gave a lecture on the second degree.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, London East : Visited Sept. 4th. There was no work on hand here either. They meet in a rented hall, which is nicely furnished. I made them open and close in the three degrees ; the work was finely done ; the Officers are well posted. A pleasing feature of the work was the Musical Ritual, which was very fine and well rendered. There was a question brought up in the third degree for consideration, which I explained as it appeared to me, but which was outside of my power to give a ruling on. We spent a very pleasant and profitable evening, and at the close I gave a lecture on the first degree.

Union Lodge, No. 380, London : Visited Sept. 10th. This Lodge meets in the Masonic Temple, and is remarkably well officered. Saw the first degree conferred, which was well done, there being no room for criticism. They have a membership of 90, and the utmost harmony prevails. I gave a lecture on the first degree.

Henderson Lodge, No. 388, Ilderton : Visited Sept. 17th. There was no work on hand. I caused the Lodge to be opened in the three degrees. The W. M. has the work all right as far as I could judge, but is very nervous. They have a very strong Lodge for a small place, numbering 42 members. The room is

nicely furnished, for which they pay a rent of \$44 a year. I gave a lecture on the first degree.

Nilestown Lodge, No. 345, Nilestown: Visited Sept. 18th. There was no work on hand at this meeting, but they have been doing considerable work in the past year. This is a very live little Lodge, being well up in the work. They own the hall they meet in, and have it all paid for. I gave a lecture on the second degree.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 107, Lambeth: Visited Sept. 19th. Saw the third degree conferred, which was very well done. The W. M. was the only regular officer present, the rest of the Officers were acting as judges at St. Thomas Fair, but the offices were all well filled. I gave a lecture on the third degree.

Doric Lodge, No. 289, Lobo: Visited Sept. 20th. Here I had the pleasure of seeing both the second and third degrees worked in a highly satisfactory manner; they take a deep interest in Masonry, and are accordingly bright and active workers. They have a membership of 55 in good standing. I gave a lecture on both the second and third degrees.

St. George's Lodge, No. 42, London: Visited Oct. 3rd. The second degree was conferred in a highly satisfactory manner. The work was done by the regular Officers of the Lodge, and was done to my entire satisfaction. I gave a lecture on the second degree. Here the first point was raised in regard to the constitutionality of the lectures which I deliver, they being entirely different to the lectures issued by the Grand Lodge; but I claim, and I think rightly, that the lessons taught and the explanations given were strictly Masonic; such being the case, I had no fear that the Grand Lodge would interfere with me, and while I do not ask any Lodge to learn the lectures which I deliver, I consider it my duty to impart to the different Lodges under my jurisdiction all the information I may possess.

Warren Lodge, No. 120, Fingal: Visited Oct. 16th. In response to a pressing invitation of the W. M., who, by the way, is a very highly esteemed personal friend of mine, and who has become discouraged on account of the apathy of the Brethren in not attending more regularly the stated meetings of the Lodge, they not having had a meeting since he took the chair, I accordingly went to investigate the cause. I find they own the property they meet in, and have cash in the Treasurer's hands; have a membership of 25 in good standing,

and could see no reason why they should be discouraged. I suggested that the W. M. put a little more life into the work, so that it might interest the Brethren, and by that means call them together more regularly. I gave a lecture on the three degrees of Masonry to illustrate the point and to show the Brethren that there was much for them to learn yet before they could claim to be perfect in the work. I believe it has had a salutary effect, as I have heard no more complaints.

Malahide Lodge, No. 140, Aylmer: Visited October 17th. There was no work on hand, but I caused the W. M. to open and close in the three degrees, and I found that they have the work in very good shape. The work is done by the regular Officers, and is very well done. I also gave the lectures on the three degrees to the Brethren present, as they have a very fine chart, but no one to lecture on it. They are a good, strong Lodge, having 68 members.

Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, London: Visited October 18th. Saw the first degree conferred, and I have much pleasure in saying that the work done was, without exception, the finest I have ever seen. The work was done by the regular Officers and was simply perfect. There was not a word out of place from the Inner Guard to the W. Master. It was really beautiful. Too much praise cannot be given to the W. M. and Officers of this Lodge for their care in getting up the work so thoroughly.

Belmont Lodge, No. 190, Belmont: Visited October 19th. There was no work on hand. The W. M. volunteered a candidate for my benefit; the work was very poorly done, and I expressed my dissatisfaction very freely, both to the W. M. and Officers, and have since ordered a Lodge of Instruction, to be held every two weeks, for work and instruction. There is some excuse for the W. M. in this case, as he is one of the first P. M's of the Lodge, and the work that he once knew has undergone considerable change; but we hope before his term expires to be able to make a better report.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, London: Visited November 5th. This Lodge meets in the Masonic Temple, and numbers 51 members. There was no work on hand; but the W. M. initiated a volunteer candidate, that I might judge of their proficiency. The work was only passably well done. I do not hold with volunteer candidates, as I have never yet found the work as well done as when performed on a regular candidate. I then caused them to open in the second and third degrees, and gave them such instruction in the work as I

thought necessary. Altogether we spent a pleasant and, I trust, a profitable evening.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited Nov. 8th, by invitation, for the purpose of seeing the third degree worked and assisting in receiving a deputation of visiting brethren from Ashlar Lodge, No. 247, Toronto. Too much praise cannot be given to the W. M. and Officers of this Lodge for the high state of perfection to which they have brought their work. The visitors expressed themselves as highly pleased, most of them never having seen the work done in this manner before.

Moffat Lodge, No. 399, Harrietsville: Visited Dec. 12th. There was no work on hand, in fact I had to occupy the East myself, in order to fill the chairs to open the Lodge. There are a few very zealous Masons in this Lodge, to whose untiring energy the life of the Lodge is due. But such continued exertion is beginning to be felt even by them, and unless the Brethren wake up to a sense of their responsibility it is only a matter of time how long they will retain their Warrant. They occupy a rented room, for which they pay \$25.00 a year.

Merrill Lodge, No. 344, Dorchester Station: Visited Dec. 13th. There was no work on hand. They have a very fine Hall, and neatly appointed; and although they have a membership of 36, there were only 10 members present at the meeting. There seems to be a feeling of some kind amongst them that prevents them from meeting together in that love and harmony which should prevail among Masons. However, as there has been no complaint laid to me, I had to content myself by giving what I thought some good advice, and I hope the Lodge may profit by it. I caused the Lodge to be opened and closed in the three degrees, and gave a lecture on the first.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 378, Petersville: Visited Dec. 19th. There was no work on hand but election of Officers. There were 25 members present, and about 20 visitors from different parts. This is a very live Lodge, R. W. Bro. J. Simpson being a member of it, who sees after the work very closely. I caused them to open and close in the three degrees, which was well done.

St. David's Lodge, No. 302, St. Thomas: Visited Dec. 20th. Had a first-class attendance. Saw the second degree conferred, which was very well done. The work was done by the regular Officers and, with the exception of a little nervousness on the

part of the W. M., was well done. They occupy a rented Hall alone, for which they pay \$50.00 a year.

London City Lodges: St. John's night, Dec. 27th, I visited and installed the Officers of St. John's, No. 20; St. George's, No. 42; Kilwinning, No. 64; Tuscan, No. 195; St. John's, No. 209^a and Union, No. 380. Had a largely representative meeting and was assisted by R. W. Bro. J. S. Dewar, P. G. J. W., W. Bros. A. B. Greer, R. B. Walker, A. G. Smyth, Ed. Burk, W. R. Vining, J. H. Flock, and others. Spent a pleasant evening and was well pleased with the appearance of the W. Masters installed; from what I know of them as S. Wardens, feel sure that Masonry will not suffer in their hands.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 94, Port Stanley: Visited Jan. 8th and installed their Officers. This Lodge has been laboring under difficulties for some time, but has finally succeeded in mastering them all, and they now feel like going on with a stout heart. I feel satisfied that with the material that I know they have amongst them, that they will give a good account of themselves in the future.

Cameron Lodge, No. 232, Wallacetown: Visited Jan. 16th. The night was very bad, it having rained all afternoon and evening, and as most of the members live in Dutton, it will account for the very slim attendance. I had to take the chair myself in order to open. I think it would be in the interests of Masonry if this Lodge were moved to Dutton, as three-quarters of the members live there. Since my official visit they have applied for my permission to move the Lodge to Dutton, which has been granted.

King Solomon Lodge, No. 394, Thamesford: Visited Jan. 23rd. There was no work on hand for that night, but they have been working very well, having at the last meeting conferred the third degree on a candidate. The chairs were filled by the respective officers; I caused the Lodge to be opened and closed in the second and third degree, and I am pleased to say that the work was done to my entire satisfaction. There was a good attendance of the Brethren, who listened with attention to any remarks I had to make.

Mount Olivet Lodge, No. 300, Thorndale: Visited Feb. 13th and found them in a good state of working order, also financially strong. Here we had an initiation. The work was done by the regular Officers, with the exception of the W. M., who called on W. Bro. Dunlop to fill the chair on this occasion, the work being very nicely done. The W. M. excused himself

on the plea that having been just elected to the office he was not prepared to do the work yet. However, he has promised to prepare himself for the work at once, and I have no doubt but he will. The hall is owned by themselves and they have money on hand. Altogether they are in a very prosperous condition.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 379, Bryanston. Visited February 13th. There was no work on hand. They have not a very good hall to meet in, and on account of that cannot make the meetings as interesting to the Brethren as they could otherwise do. I caused the Lodge to be opened and closed in the three degrees, and offered such suggestions as I thought might be useful to them. The night was extremely cold and that may possibly account for the slim attendance. There is a case of jurisdiction against this Lodge, which I have been unable to settle, and have accordingly transferred it to the Board of General Purposes, where I trust it will be finally disposed of.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London: Visited April 11th, and had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the Brethren from different parts of the district, who came to witness the exemplification of the third degree according to their work. The work was remarkably well done, and we had both a pleasant and instructive meeting.

On April 30th, visited the St. Thomas Brethren at Lodge No. 44, for the purpose of meeting the Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and listening to his very able and instructive lecture on the progress of Masonry in Canada for the last hundred years. I was well pleased with his very excellent address and with the very hearty manner the distinguished brother was received.

Visited the London Brethren May 2nd, for the purpose of receiving the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, who paid us an official visit on that occasion, and who was royally received by the Brethren. M. W. Bro. Walkem brought up a few interesting points on the question of the non-payment of dues, and also on the responsibility resting on the W. M.'s in regard to making Lodge meetings interesting to the Brethren. Altogether we had a grand meeting, and I am satisfied that if the Brethren will only act on the timely hints thrown out by the M. W. the Grand Master, it will result in great good to the Craft.

Spartan Lodge No. 176, Sparta: Visited May 13th. I found not many Brethren in attendance, and no work to be

done—in fact they had not done any work for several years. I, however, found them very well up in their work. Caused them to open and close in the different degrees, and gave them some good advice in regard to arrearages for dues, which, if acted upon, will assist materially in putting the Lodge in a better financial position. I also gave a lecture on the second and third degrees.

On June 24th I installed the Officers of Belmont Lodge No. 190.

In concluding this official report I wish to thank the W. M. the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary, for the very prompt manner in which they answered all communications, and also those Brethren throughout the district who so kindly lent me their assistance in making my duties both light and pleasant.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN BOYD,
D. D. G. M., London District No. 3.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT, No. 4.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—I have the honor to present to you the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Fourth Masonic District.

Having been elected to the honorable position of District Deputy Grand Master at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, I have endeavored to perform the duties of that high office to the best of my ability, and I trust to the satisfaction of all concerned.

My first official act was the appointing of W. Bro. Alex. Slimmon, a P. M. of Britannia Lodge, Seaford, District Secretary, and I assure you, I am greatly indebted to him for his valuable assistance, kind advice, and prompt attention to all Masonic business entrusted to him. For these favors I return him my sincere thanks.

I wrote to the Secretary of each Lodge in the district, ap-

pointing a date for my official visit, and as my predecessor, R. W. Bro. McLellan, had given much of his attention to the work of the degrees during his term of office, I stated that the work I wished to see exemplified was the opening and closing of the Lodges in the three degrees, and the asking and answering of the customary examination questions in each degree by the brethren present. This programme was adhered to at every meeting I attended in the district, except where the Lodge visited had some special work to do that could not be conveniently avoided at the time. I have visited each of the sixteen Lodges in the district, and am happy to be able to say, that peace and harmony prevail in them all. The officers and brethren on every occasion received me with the greatest courtesy and kindness, and contributed liberally towards the payment of my travelling expenses. For such generous treatment I now desire to express my gratitude, and only hope my official acts have been approved by all concerned.

The work of the officers in the majority of the Lodges was well done, especially by the W. Masters and Wardens; but, in a few cases, it might be greatly improved by a little earnest study. The books, without exception, are in excellent order. Secretaries, however, in many instances, neglected to send me notices of meetings about to be held, Bro. Alf. Kaufman, Secretary of Wilmot Lodge, Baden, being the only one in the district who has never failed in the performance of this important duty, and a few have failed to forward me a list of the names of their new officers.

The attendance, on the whole, is far from what it should be. Almost one-third of the number of members in the district never attend their Lodge, and nearly one-fourth of the number are twelve months in arrears with their dues. This is a state of things to be regretted very much, and should be attended to by those concerned, as soon as possible. To improve the attendance, I advised the officers, when visiting the different Lodges, to make their meetings as interesting as possible by posting all the members thoroughly, and then by asking those brethren not in office to assist in the ceremonies whenever an opportunity presented itself, thus giving them a greater interest in the whole work. I would also suggest that all members who have not paid dues for twelve months, be dealt with according to the rules of the Constitution and By-laws.

I visited, outside of the district, three of the Lodges in the city of Detroit, Michigan; two in the city of Springfield, Ohio; and Cedar Lodge, No. 396, Wiarton. In all of these Lodges

the Brethren treated me with kindness and respect, and I would be most ungrateful if I did not express my appreciation of those favors. I have also to congratulate the Officers of the American Lodges visited, without an exception, on the excellence of their work.

About the beginning of the month of March I received a communication from R. W. Bro. J. R. Robertson, Deputy Grand Master, intimating that he would be pleased to visit one or two central places in our district at an early date, if I thought it would be acceptable, for the purpose of delivering an address on the subject of "The Craft History of Canada for a Century Past," and spending an hour or two with the Brethren of the west. I replied that his proposition would, in my opinion, be favorably accepted by every Lodge in the jurisdiction, and gave him all the encouragement I could. He selected Stratford and Goderich as the most suitable places, and delivered his celebrated lecture in each, to appreciative audiences. I assure you he will receive a hearty welcome from one and all should he again visit our district. I only regret that business from home prevented me meeting our R. W. Brother at either place, but hope to have another opportunity of seeing and hearing him.

I examined and approved of a new and revised edition of the By-laws of Britannia Lodge, No. 170, and obtained their confirmation by the M. W. the Grand Master.

When making my visits I was accompanied on several occasions by Stratford and Seaforth Brethren, whose names I shall mention hereafter. This is evidence that we have a few energetic zealous Masons in these places.

I have granted the following dispensations: To New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, Hamburg, for the purpose of attending divine service, clothed as Masons, on the 8th Oct., 1888; to Stratford Lodge, No. 332, Stratford, to attend divine service, clothed as Masons, on the 30th day of June, 1889; and to Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother E. Buswell.

Death has removed from our midst eight of our Brethren, but the name of one only has been reported to me, viz: Bro. E. Buswell, of Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall.

The following is a brief account of official visits, with dates and comments:—

Maitland Lodge No. 33, Goderich : Visited this Lodge at a regular meeting on October 9th, 1888. This was my first official visit. The hall and other rooms are not the largest in the district, but are very comfortable and well furnished. The attendance was good, but the work of the Officers was not as well done as I expected it would be in a place like Goderich.

Blyth Lodge No. 303, Blyth : Accompanied by Bros. W. J. Fear, J. Rose and G. Paterson, of Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, I visited this Lodge on 12th of October at an emergent meeting. On account of sickness in their families the Master and Past Masters were absent. No Officers were present but the S. W., J. D. and Tyler. Under these circumstances I opened and closed the Lodge and conferred the second and third degrees on candidates who were waiting. The Lodge room is not very large, but comfortable. The work of Officers present fair. The attendance was not large.

Lebanon Forest Lodge No. 133, Exeter : I visited this Lodge at a regular meeting on the 15th October, accompanied by Bro. Fear, of Britannia Lodge. The lodge rooms are large, comfortable, and beautifully furnished. The Secretary, Treasurer and J. D. were all the Officers present, but several P. M.'s being with us we were able to proceed with the work. W. Bro. M. Eacrett, P. M., took the chair ; the work was done well, but attendance small. I was informed that the W. M. was thoroughly posted. At this meeting we were favored by a visit from R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, P. D. D. G. M., from whom we obtained much useful information, for which I feel grateful.

Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell : In company with Brothers Fear, Town and Paterson, of Seaforth, I visited this Lodge, on the 16th of October, at a regular meeting ; R. W. Bro. McLellan, P. D. D. G. M., favoring us with his presence. The Lodge room is not large, but convenient and comfortable. The attendance was very small, and the work was well done, particularly by the Wardens, both of whom rendered their respective parts without a single mistake.

Morning Star Lodge, No. 309, Smith's Hill : This Lodge I visited on the 17th October, at an emergent meeting. The room is small, comfortable, and the property of the Lodge. The attendance was large for a country place. Officers' work, fair. This Lodge is coming fast to the front among the Lodges in the district, if we consider the disadvantage to its members of being situated in the country.

Zurich Lodge, No. 224, Hensall: Accompanied by Bro. H. Town, of Britannia Lodge, I visited this Lodge Oct. 18th. The Lodge room is not large, but comfortable; the attendance was very small, and few of the Officers were present; the work was only middling. Since I paid this visit I have learned that some good material has been brought in, which will tend to increase the interest of the members and brighten the prospects of the Lodge.

New Dominion Lodge, No. 205, Hamburg: I visited this Lodge October 22nd, at a regular meeting, accompanied by R. W. Bro. McLellan, P. D. D. G. M., of this district, Bro. A. Hirst, and others from the Stratford Lodges. The Lodge room is neatly furnished, very comfortable and a good size. The attendance was large and the work very fair, considering that the Officers were all new, having been installed in June.

St. James' Lodge, No. 73, St. Marys: On the 23rd of Oct. I visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting. The Lodge room is suitable, of medium size, and well furnished. The attendance was not large, but the work was well done. This Lodge, at the time of my visit, was in rather embarrassed circumstances; but since then has recuperated, and is now in a healthy condition.

Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, Stratford: This Lodge I visited on the 24th of October, at an emergent meeting. The rooms are large, suitable and furnished in the best style. There was a large number of Brethren present, and the work of the Officers was very accurate.

Clinton Lodge, No. 84, Clinton: I visited this Lodge at an emergent meeting on the 26th of October, accompanied by five Brethren from Seaforth. I am sorry to say this Lodge was very unfortunate last year. On the 25th January, the Secretary, W. Bro. W. F. Murray, died, and the W. Master, Bro. J. Scott, moved to Manitoba in the spring. This left the Lodge with neither a Master nor Secretary. The hall is small, but comfortable and fairly well furnished. The attendance was very small. W. Bro. D. McG. Malloch, P. M., acted as Master, and the work was well done.

Wilmot Lodge, No. 318, Baden: Accompanied by Bro. W. J. Fear of Seaforth, I visited this Lodge on the 16th day of December, at an emergent meeting. The hall is new, comfortable and tasty, and I believe it is owned by the Lodge. The attendance was very small on account of W. Bro. W. Erbach,

jr., the present Master, being very ill with typhoid fever; many were kept from attending also by the wet night, as it rained constantly. W. Bro. W. Erbach, sr., took the chair, and opened and closed the Lodge in the first degree, nothing further was done. I am pleased to be able to inform you that the W. M. recovered in a short time, and is now enjoying good health.

Doric Lodge, No. 233, Parkhill: This Lodge I visited at an emergent meeting, on the 8th of January, and with the assistance of the P. Masters of the Lodge and W. Bro. J. H. McKay, of Craig Lodge, I installed the new Officers. The Hall is convenient, comfortable and furnished neatly; the attendance was large; the second degree was conferred by the retiring Master, and the work was done fairly well.

Craig Lodge, No. 214, Ailsa Craig: I visited this Lodge, at a regular meeting, on April 15th. The Lodge room is very small, but answers the purpose very well. The attendance was large, and the work of opening and closing in the three degrees was not bad, considering that they have had no candidates for nearly five years. As my predecessor, R. W. Bro. McLellan, gave such an unfavorable report of this Lodge last year, I determined to get all the information I could concerning it. I, consequently, spent the forenoon of the 16th among the leading Brethren in the village, and in examining the books, which were in excellent order, with the exception that only a very few meetings were recorded. I asked the Secretary, W. Bro. McKay and W. Bro. Smith, P. M., why so few meetings had been held, and they replied: "that they had no work to do; that they were not likely to have any for a time; that many of the Brethren lived a long distance from the Lodge; and that, consequently, it was very difficult to get a sufficient number together to form a quorum." I then advised them to meet as often as possible, and to do the very best they could, under the circumstances, until some one sent in an application, then these difficulties would disappear. The members are all hopeful, and I think if a little time is allowed, and a little encouragement given to them, the Lodge will revive. Although the report shows that Craig Lodge has contributed nothing towards relieving the distressed, the individual members have given several hundred dollars, during the last few years, to support an aged and infirm brother and his wife who live in the village, and they are still supplying them with all they need; thus exemplifying the grand principles of Masonry.

Irving Lodge No. 154, Lucan: I paid my visit to this Lodge on the 16th April at an emergent meeting. The hall is not very large, but neat and comfortable. The attendance was large and the members enthusiastic. The work was done fairly well by all the Officers.

Stratford Lodge No. 332, Stratford: This Lodge I visited on the 17th April, at an emergent meeting. The room same as that used by Tecumseh Lodge. The attendance was large but the work might have been better, excepting that of the J. W., which was absolutely perfect.

Britannia Lodge No. 170, Seaforth: Being a member of this Lodge I attended several meetings, but visited it officially at an emergent meeting on the 19th April. The hall, I think, is as large as any in the district, very convenient and comfortable and furnished fairly well. The attendance was not large. The work of all was well done. This is the only Lodge in the district that has no members twelve months in arrears with dues.

In conclusion I wish to return sincere thanks to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and P. D. D. G. M. McLellan, for valuable advice and information received from each of them. I am also grateful to Bros. Hirst of Stratford; McKay, of Ailsa Craig, and Fox, of Lucan, for their kindness and hospitality when visiting the Lodges to which they belong; and I finally acknowledge the favor shown me by those Brethren who accompanied me on so many visits.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. G. DUFF,

D. D. G. M. South Huron District No. 4.

SEAFORTH, July 2nd, 1889.

TIME TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE IN DISTRICT No. 4

from June 24th, 1888, to June 24th, 1889.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE.	Total Membership.	Average Attendance.	Arrears with 12 months in arrears.	Meetings Held.	Emerg't.	DEGREES CONFERRED.			Amount paid for Relief.	Financial Standing.	Prospects.
							M.	M.	A.			
33	Maillard,.....	85	25	38	11	5	2	1	..	\$ 8 00	Fair.....	Middling.....
73	St. James,.....	64	25	4	14	6	3	2	..	49 00	Good.....	Fair.....
84	Clinton,.....	62	15	18	11	4	3	2	1	..	Good.....	Fair.....
133	Lebanon Forest,	68	20	13	13	3	11	9	9	..	Middling.....	Good.....
141	Tudor,.....	49	11	7	12	1	1	1	..	..	Fair.....	Fair.....
144	Tecumseh,.....	68	20	10	14	2	2	2	1	..	Very good.	Very good.
154	Irving,.....	56	14	20	12	2	2	1	1	..	Good.....	Good.....
170	Britannia,.....	80	20	..	14	..	1	1	..	..	Very good.	Fair.....
205	New Dominion,.....	31	10	7	12	1	..	..	..	..	Not very g.	Poor.....
214	Craig,.....	29	10	10	6	..	..	..	..	* ..	Very good.	Fair.....
224	Zurich,.....	30	17	5	12	1	..	..	..	..	Fair.....	Fair.....
233	Doric,.....	42	13	17	11	4	3	3	3	..	Good.....	Fair.....
303	Blyth,.....	45	18	8	12	5	11	11	10	..	Fair.....	Fair.....
309	Morning Star,.....	46	13	13	11	..	..	1	2	..	Good.....	Good.....
318	Wilmet,.....	32	10	8	13	2	1	..	Good.....	Good.....
332	Stratford,.....	36	13	8	13	2	3	3	3	..	Very good.	Good.....
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* None by Lodge, but a large amount by members.

WILSON DISTRICT No. 6.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—In submitting my report of the condition of Masonry in Wilson District I do so with deep regret that I have not been able to discharge the duties of the office as well as I would desire, but in making what visits I could I selected the smaller places, where it is hard work for the officers to keep the Lodges alive, and I have great pleasure in stating that in the Lodges where it was difficult to get a quorum that the working was very good and the ritual faithfully adhered to. Most of the Lodges are in good financial condition, and a great many new members have been admitted during the year ; but I must draw the attention of Grand Lodge towards two Lodges which are, to all intents and purposes, defunct :—Ridout, of Otterville, and Langton, of Langton. R. W. Bro. Hegler, the P. D. D. G. M., in his report of last year brought up the subject of Ridout. I may state that it has held no meetings nor made any returns to the Grand Lodge for years, and it has amongst its members a number of Brethren who would be very pleased to have the Warrant withdrawn to allow them to affiliate with another Lodge. With regard to Langton Lodge I may state, that at the request of some of the Brethren I laid the foundation stone of the new Baptist Church in that place with Masonic ceremonies, but the Lodge has not had any regular meetings nor made any returns to Grand Lodge for a long time. In fact there has been no regular meeting since I installed the Officers three years ago. The younger members have never received their Grand Lodge certificates and the Officers and prominent members are badly in arrears.

I would respectfully ask that the Grand Lodge give careful consideration to these statements, and I am very sure they will come to the conclusion that the Warrant ought to be withdrawn and the Brethren given an opportunity of joining other Lodges.

I have as far as possible installed the Officers of the various Lodges. I was not able to arrange for a Lodge of Instruction during my term of office, but hope that my successor will meet

with greater success. All Lodges seem to dread holding one, as it is an expensive luxury.

I granted one dispensation for Brethren to wear regalia at divine service.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

W. McDONALD,
D. D. G. M. Wilson District No. 6.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT, No. 7.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Seventh Masonic District during my term of office as D. D. G. M., for 1888-9.

Having been honored by Grand Lodge with the responsible position of District Deputy Grand Master of this district, I entered upon the duties of that honorable position with a determination to do my duty to the Craft in the district. In accordance with my duties I made one visit to each of the twenty-one Lodges in the district, and some of them I visited the second time. In almost every case the rooms are suitable and neatly furnished. The Secretaries' and Treasurers' books are well kept.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler: My first official visit was to this Lodge on the 17th day of September, 1888. Brethren present, 29. The first and second degrees were conferred on candidates in a most satisfactory manner by the W. M. and Officers. The Brethren of this Lodge are enthusiastic Masons. With such Brethren as R. W. Bro. Jardine, W. Bros. Bruster and Pabst, New Hope Lodge has a bright future. I see by the notices sent to me that they generally have plenty of work.

Scott Lodge, No. 421, Grand Valley: I visited this Lodge on the 17th day of October. Members present, 12. The second degree was conferred on a candidate; the work was fairly well done (it being a new Lodge there is room for

improvement). The Master and Officers are enthusiastic Masons; the W. M. is well up in his work, and there is a bright future for Scott Lodge.

My second visit to Scott Lodge was on February 13th, 1889. The first and third degrees were conferred on candidates in a most satisfactory manner. As there were two candidates for the third degree, I had the pleasure of assisting the W. M. I was pleased to notice an improvement in the work of the Officers.

Blair Lodge, No. 314, Palmerston: I visited this Lodge on the 26th day of October, 1888. Brethren present, 18. The third degree was conferred on a candidate in a creditable manner by the W. M., but the other Officers are not so well up in the work. Their Lodge room is very neat and comfortably furnished. I hope that the officers of this Lodge will make an effort to get up the work in a first-class manner.

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin: I visited this Lodge on the 13th day of November. Brethren present, 19. The first degree was exemplified by the Master and Officers, who are well up in their work. The Lodge was opened and closed in the second and third degrees. The Junior Warden gave the lecture on the first degree in a very creditable manner. The W. M. and Officers of Grand River Lodge are well skilled.

Wellington Lodge, No. 271, Erin: Visited this Lodge on the 12th December, 1888. Members present, 29. The work for the evening was in the third degree, which was well done by the W. M. and regular Officers. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Freeman, D. D. G. M., of the Eighth Masonic District.

Ayr Lodge No. 172, Ayr: Visited this Lodge on the 17th December, 1888. Brethren present 7: they had no work to present to me. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees. The Master and Wardens are scarcely able to open in the degrees. Ayr Lodge is in a bad shape at present. That love and harmony which should at all times characterize Freemasons does not exist among the Brethren. I hope for the best. It will take some time to put matters right. The meetings are irregular, and they have had no work for two years or more, which accounts in some measure for their being in a bad working order.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 334, Arthur: Visited this Lodge

on the 15th of January, 1889. Brethren present, 10. They had no work on hand. The Lodge was opened in the several degrees, the W. M. and Officers doing their part of the work in a first-class manner. The great drawback which they labor under is the removal of a number of the Brethren from the town, but they are looking forward to better times. The hall is very neat and comfortably furnished.

Alma Lodge, No. 72, Galt: Visited this Lodge on the 17th of January, 1889. Brethren present, 22. The third degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and Officers of the Lodge, except the Junior Warden, who was not present.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton: Visited this Lodge on the 22nd of January, 1889. Brethren present, 18. The first degree was conferred on a candidate in a very creditable manner by the W. M. and Officers of the Lodge. It being the first initiation for the W. M., he did his work in a first-class manner, and deserves credit for the great interest he has taken therein.

Clifford Lodge, No. 315, Clifford: Visited this Lodge on the 11th of February, 1889. Brethren present, 8. W. M. is able to open and close in the three degrees. Having no work for some time they are careless, and seem to me to take no interest in it. Their meetings are irregular, as I have only received a few notices during the year.

Durham Lodge, No. 306, Durham: Visited this Lodge on the 12th of February, 1889. 19 Brethren and several visiting Brethren present. W. M. and Officers in their respective chairs. Having no work to present to me, the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, which was done in a very creditable manner. The W. M. and Officers are well up in the work. I am satisfied that had they work on hand it would have been well done, as the Officers keep themselves well posted.

St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200, Mount Forest: Visited this Lodge on the 15th of February. Only nine Brethren present. No work was done except opening and closing in the three degrees, the work being fairly done. I expected to see a good working Lodge, but was somewhat disappointed; Masonry is not prospering there. From what I could learn while on my visit, there seems to be a lack of energy on the part of the Brethren.

Harriston Lodge, No. 262, Harriston: Visited this Lodge on the 18th of February, 1889. Brethren present, 21. There was no work on hand; the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees by the W. M. in a correct manner; the other Officers are well posted. Their hall is new and neatly furnished.

Galt Lodge, No. 257, Galt: Visited this Lodge on the 5th of March, 1889. Brethren present, 17. I witnessed the conferring of the second degree, and found that the W. M. and Wardens were well posted and skilled workmen; the other Officers are not quite so well up in the work.

Harris Lodge, No. 216, Orangeville: Visited this Lodge March 12th, 1889. Brethren present, 29. The work on hand was conferring the second and third degrees, which was done by the W. M. and Officers in a first-class manner, especially the third degree. Harris Lodge is, in every respect, a good working Lodge; the Brethren are enthusiastic Masons and take that interest in Masonry which will make their Lodge a success.

Preston Lodge, No. 297, Preston: Visited this Lodge March 15th, 1889. Brethren present, 10. Having no work on hand, the Lodge was opened in the three degrees, which was well done. The W. M. is well skilled; the other Officers well up in the work. They have a neat Lodge room with everything in first-class working order.

Irvine Lodge, No. 203, Elora: Visited this Lodge April 12th, 1889. A large number of the Brethren present. Having no work on hand, the Lodge was opened and closed in the three degrees, which was very well done. The W. M. and Officers are well up in the work. From former visits to Irvine Lodge, I am satisfied that it is one of the best working Lodges in the district.

Mercer Lodge, No. 347, Fergus: Visited this Lodge April 18th, 1889. Brethren present, 32. Having no work on hand, the Lodge was opened and closed in the several degrees, which was done in a creditable manner by the W. M. and Officers. This Lodge contains many talented members and is in first-class order.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph: Visited this Lodge on April 22nd, 1889. Brethren present, 53. The work on hand was the first and second degrees, which was well done by the W. M. and Officers. The Officers of Waverley Lodge are

well up in the work. The musical service by the Brethren was well rendered, and had a good effect on the candidates. Waverley Lodge is in every respect a first-class working Lodge and a credit to the Craft.

Speed Lodge, No. 180, Guelph: Visited this Lodge May 7th, 1889. Only a few of the Brethren present. They had no work that evening. From my personal acquaintance with Speed Lodge, I know it to be a first-class working Lodge. The W. M. and Officers are well posted.

Guelph Lodge, No. 258, Guelph: Visited this Lodge May 14th, 1889. Not many of the Brethren present. The work presented was the second and third degrees, and reflected credit on the W. M. and Officers of the Lodge.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued the following Dispensations for the year :—

Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin, to appear in public, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending divine service on December 30th, 1888, A. L. 5888, and to attend an "At Home" on February 22nd, 1889, A. L. 5889.

New Hope Lodge, No. 279, Hespeler, to attend an "At Home" on April 25th, 1889, A. L. 5889.

Waverley Lodge, No. 361, Guelph, to attend an "At Home" on May 21st, 1889, A. L. 5889.

Conestogo Lodge, No. 295, Drayton, to appear in public, clothed as Masons, for the purpose of attending divine service on Sunday July 7th, 1889.

I had the pleasure of acting for the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in consecrating and dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Grand River Lodge, No. 151, Berlin. After the ceremony was over a very pleasant evening was spent by the Brethren and their friends.

DEATHS.

Death has removed from among us in this district :—W. Bro. Barbour, Alma Lodge No. 72, Galt, Oct. 30th, 1888; Bro. Wm. Spiers, Mercer Lodge No. 347, Fergus, Sept. 21st, 1888; Bro. Wm. Matthews, Guelph Lodge No. 258, Guelph, June 23rd, 1889.

In conclusion, I thank the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for his kind advice when required; the Grand Secre-

tary for his promptness in answering all my communications, and the Brethren of Guelph Lodge who accompanied me on my official visits to various Lodges in the district, and also R. W. Bro. Scoon, of Speed Lodge No. 180, for his assistance when required; and lastly to the Officers and Brethren throughout the district for the kind reception given me on my official visits, and for their assistance in defraying my expenses. I have endeavored to the best of my ability to fulfil the high trust entrusted to my charge at the last Grand Lodge meeting, and, in resigning at the end of my year, I hope my visits to the Lodges may have been of some advantage to the Craft.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RICHARD MAHONEY.

D. D. G. M. Wellington District No. 7.

GUELPH, June 29th, 1889.

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 8.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in the Hamilton (Eighth) Masonic District.

When elected to the honorable office of D. D. G. M. at the session of the Grand Lodge held at Toronto, I entered upon the duties with the intention of discharging the same in a manner that would tend to the general welfare of Masonry throughout the Hamilton District, and I am pleased to say that the year has been one of great pleasure to myself and I hope of service to the Lodges and Brethren whom I have visited.

The condition of Masonry throughout the district is most satisfactory; all are working well and perfect harmony with the best of good feeling prevails. One of the Lodges, through its situation and membership, has not been as successful as I could wish, but I have strong hopes that 'ere long a new era of prosperity will dawn upon Dufferin, West Flamboro'.

Every Lodge in the Eighth District has been visited, and

the books and general affairs closely examined. The books were found, as a rule, very well and neatly kept, and the arrears of dues are, in my opinion, less than they have been for some time.

I have endeavoured at each meeting to exemplify portions of the work and give all the instruction that the time at my disposal would allow, and I would recommend to the Worshipful Masters and Brethren the establishment of a more thorough and correct examination of visitors by the examining committees, and the placing by Masters of Master Masons with Past Masters on these Committees, so that the rank and file may be enabled to see and hear these examinations, and thus become, generally speaking, better acquainted with the mode and way to conduct a careful testing. Especially do I think that a more general knowledge of the Tyler's Oath is necessary, as I found many, otherwise well posted Brethren, who could not readily administer this, while others could not do it with anything approaching correctness, and I am sure it is only necessary to draw the attention of the Brethren in the district to this fact to cause the desirable change.

The work, as illustrated by the Officers throughout the Lodges, has been of a high character, and shows that we have earnest, thoughtful men in charge, who are anxious to do all they can to attain the high standard of proficiency which is necessary to be deemed a successful officer in the Hamilton District.

During my visits care has been taken to ascertain if the Lodges are doing their duty in the matter of benevolence, and I find that while some are not doing much—for the reason assigned of no claims—a large number are doing their duty nobly and distributing freely of the funds at their disposal. I would mention especially the work done by the Lodges in the city of Hamilton, where money and support is given systematically and regularly to deserving ones, and use is made of the warning circulars issued by the General Board of Relief of the United States and Canada, to guard against impostors.

I have not deemed it necessary to give a detailed statement of the affairs of each Lodge; because, on the whole, they are very satisfactory; and my visits have been received in the most cordial and brotherly spirit, while the advice and warning given to Masters has been received in the same kind spirit with which it was given.

During my term of office several worthy and prominent

Brethren have been summoned to the Grand Lodge above. I will only mention R. W. Bro. David Curtis, of Brant Lodge, Brantford, a brother whose long and earnest work for the Craft, coupled with a kindly and loving manner, had won for himself a place in the hearts of the Brethren not easily to be filled by another; and V. W. Bro. H. Bickford, Mayor of Dundas, whose departure, in the prime of a useful and vigorous manhood, was a severe blow to the town of which he was the presiding officer, but more particularly an almost irreparable loss to Valley Lodge, No. 100, of which he was a pillar and a personal friend to almost every member. In the history of the Lodge no brother was more generally beloved, and his loss will be most deeply deplored by all who had the pleasure of knowing him.

The By-laws of the following Lodges have been revised and received the sanction of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master:—Barton, Strict Observance, Acacia, Credit and Harmony.

During the year dispensations have been granted to the Lodges in Hamilton, Waterdown and Burlington, to appear in public with regalia.

I had the pleasure at Brant Lodge, Brantford, of the company of R. W. Bro. Richard Mahoney, of Guelph, on the occasion of my official visit to that Lodge.

During the year, Most Worshipful Sir, we had the honor of a visit from you at the city of Hamilton, when the immense gathering which received you testified to your popularity, and the loyal enthusiasm which was manifested, must have struck you as exhibiting the eminently Masonic feeling which pervades our district. To the Hamilton Lodges belong the credit of entertaining you, Most Worshipful Sir, and the splendid manner in which it was done, with the hearty and happy character of the banquet, must have sustained their reputation with you of doing all things well.

I am happy to report that in all my visits I have been received with uniform courtesy and respect, and have much pleasure in recording my appreciation of the fact; and the Brethren from Hamilton deserve my heartiest thanks for their constant attendance and help; I cannot mention all, but R. W. Bros. Geo. Russell and Gavin Stewart, W. Bros. Treble, Wanzer, Lester and Geo. Mason are among them, but more especially to W. Bro. John Hoodless, District Secretary, are my warmest thanks due. He has most materially assisted me

in my work by the zealous and energetic manner he has performed his duties, and he has my most sincere thanks and well wishes.

In conclusion, taking the year, it has shown decided advance in Masonry, and I sincerely trust any efforts of mine have been in the right direction, as I have endeavored to perform my duties faithfully and honestly, and I trust they may commend themselves to you, Most Worshipful Sir, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. FREEMAN, M. D.,
D. D. G. M. Hamilton District No. 8.

GEORGETOWN, June 29th, 1889.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No 9.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit my report as to the condition of Masonry in the Georgian (Ninth) Masonic District for the past year.

My first official act was the appointment of W. Bro. D. F. Macwatt, W. M., of Corinthian Lodge, No. 96, as District Secretary, to whom I am greatly indebted for his diligence and active exertions to make my year a success.

I do not propose to follow this year the custom observed during the last few years by many D. D. G. Masters in giving full details of each Lodge, as nearly all the information I could give would merely be a repetition of what appears in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I desire, however, to mention particularly the Lodges that have shown a marked improvement over former years.

There are twenty-three Lodges in this district, of which I have visited sixteen, and in every case I have been received in the most hearty and welcome manner. From my own observation and from communications received, I feel it my duty to report that Masonry in this District, with a few exceptions, is

in a very satisfactory condition. All my official visits, with one exception, have been made at regular meetings, and in every case the W. M. had timely notice thereof. I had the pleasure of attending the "At Home" given by Manito Lodge, No. 90, on the occasion of the presentation from the Grand Lodge to M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, P. G. M., a full report of which will no doubt be made by the Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge.

I am very pleased to be able to report the decided advance made by Unity Lodge, No. 376, Huntsville. At the time of my official visit, the second and third degrees were exemplified by the W. M., assisted by W. Bro. Sacret, P. M., in a most able manner, and equal to any work in the district. The floor work was also ably done. I also wish to mention Northern Light Lodge, No. 266, Stayner. This Lodge has been in a dormant condition for a few years, but now I am pleased to say it is in quite a flourishing state, and much credit is due to the W. M., Bro. W. B. Sanders and his efficient corps of officers for this satisfactory state of affairs. The change from Bondhead to Cookstown of Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, has also been decidedly beneficial, as the work is now not only exemplified, but the membership is steadily increasing. The amalgamation of Orillia Lodge, No. 192 and Thorne Lodge, No. 281, Orillia, has also been decidedly advantageous to the Craft. I, unfortunately, was unable to visit this Lodge, but from all reports and from a perusal of the circulars, the membership is increasing and the work is well done.

I do not wish the other Lodges in the district to think I have singled out the above Lodges as the only ones doing well. All those I have visited are doing good work, with one exception mentioned below.

I have with regret to report that Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston, is in anything but a satisfactory condition. Meetings are frequently omitted. On account of some civic meeting my official visit was a failure, as no quorum could be had.

I fully concur, from what I heard and observed when in Alliston, with what my predecessor said in his report last year, that "internal dissensions seem to have got hold of this Lodge."

I would urge on my successor the necessity of promptly visiting this Lodge, and if the dissensions still continue it may

be necessary, in the interests of the Craft, to recommend the withdrawal of the Warrant.

In the majority of cases I found the Lodge books well and satisfactorily kept, and in the few cases where they were defective I had such rectified. In two instances I found that no register of members was kept.

I have made up a full report of the condition of the 16 Lodges visited by me, but do not consider it necessary to cumber this report with the details, as I was unable to visit all the Lodges in the district.

I have granted the following Dispensations during the year :

Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, "At Home" on the occasion of the Grand Lodge presentation to M. W. Bro. H. Robertson, P. G. M., February 6th; Muskoka, No. 360, Bracebridge, to appear in regalia at the Masonic lecture on the "History and Mystery of Freemasonry," by Rev. Bro. Howson, March 19th; Golden Rule, No. 409, Gravenhurst, for the same purpose on May 28th; Northern Light, 266, Stayner, to attend divine service on the 23rd June; Manito Lodge, No. 90, Collingwood, for same purpose on 23rd June.

The deaths in this district during the year were :—Bro. R. H. Cozens, of Orillia Lodge, No. 192, Orillia; Bro. Henry Grose, of Kerr Lodge, No. 230, Barrie; Bro. Robert Morris, of Pythagoras, No. 137, Meaford; Bro. Jos. McGee, of Manito, No. 90, Collingwood; Bro. Rowe, of Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, Alliston, and Bro. Richard Swain, of Muskoka Lodge, No. 360, Bracebridge.

In November the Craft in Barrie had the pleasure of listening to a very able lecture on Masonry by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, D. G. M., which was of great instruction to all who heard it.

In conclusion, I have to thank you, M. W. Sir, and your Grand Secretary, for your kindness and advice to me during my year of office, and I trust that my efforts will commend themselves to the Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

I have also to thank the members of the Craft in this district for many acts of kindness and courtesy, and I especially desire to thank M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, P. G. M., for his able advice and counsel so kindly given on many occasions.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

GEO. MONKMAN,

D. D. G. M. *Georgian District No. 9.*

BARRIE, 3rd July, 1889.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honor to submit this my second report on the condition of Masonry in the Tenth Masonic District.

There are in this district twenty-two Lodges, of which twenty-one are in good working order. Welland Lodge of Fonthill has been for some time dormant, which is due to the fact that the Lodge room, together with the furniture and the books, were destroyed by fire, and the Brethren did not possess sufficient ambition to revive the Lodge. I tried several times to have a meeting of the Brethren held, but without success. I am informed, however, by the Secretary that a meeting was held in June last, and it is the intention of the Brethren to get into working order and to have interest in Masonry again revived in this part of the district. I have visited eighteen lodges out of the twenty-one, and I find that in the majority of cases the prospects of Masonry are very good. No questions of importance have been presented to me for adjudication this year, which shows that harmony exists in the district. The Lodges are noted for correctness in their work. I regret, however, to say that the attendance of Members at the Lodge meetings is not what it should be. In my visits to the Lodges I have been received in the most cordial manner, the Officers of each Lodge doing everything in their power to make my visits as pleasant and agreeable as possible.

I have issued three Dispensations to attend divine service in Masonic clothing, viz: One at Niagara Falls, one at Hagersville and one at St. Catharines; in each case the gathering of the Brethren was such as to reflect credit on the Craft. I regret that we have not had the pleasure of a visit from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master in this large and important district, and trust that he will find it convenient to visit us at an early date. We are greatly indebted to the R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, for the very able and instructive lecture which he gave in many parts of the district; his visits will be remembered with profit and pleasure by the Brethren of the District.

We have to regret the death of W. Bro. Rodgers, of Beamsville. His funeral was attended not only by Masons but by the greater part of the residents of the village in which he lived; he was in his lifetime greatly respected, not only as a citizen but as a brother.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Officers and the Brethren in the several Lodges of the Niagara District for the many acts of kindness they have shown me during my official career.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES G. McDERMOTT,
D. D. G. M. Niagara District, No. 10.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I beg to present the following report on the condition of Masonry in the above mentioned district, which is one of the largest under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

On assuming the duties of my office, I appointed V. W. Bro. Borngasser as my District Secretary, whose valuable assistance has materially lightened my labors, and to whom I desire to express my warmest thanks.

I have visited each Lodge in the district once—Georgina, at the request of the W. M. and Officers, a second time—and I have no hesitation in saying that the condition of Masonry in this District is a favorable one; the growth of the Order is healthy and progressive; tranquility and harmony appear to prevail within the several Lodges, and I am pleased to be able to state that I found a marked improvement in the character of the “work” over that recorded in the reports of previous years, there being now no longer any difficulty in having a general uniformity of the working of the several Lodges, a desire long felt on the part of the Craft in general.

I did not feel that it was necessary to hold Lodges of Instruction in the District, as the facilities now given by G. L. to enable the Officers of each Lodge to become proficient in

their respective duties is sufficient, but I would strongly urge on each Lodge the necessity of having weekly or fortnightly meetings for rehearsal and instruction, to enable all the Officers to become proficient in their duties, as I have found that in some Lodges, although the W. M. and Wardens were good workers, yet some of the Junior Officers were not up to the standard to be desired.

I granted Dispensations to the following Lodges to attend divine worship: Tuscan Lodge, No. 99; Blackwood Lodge, No. 311, and Mimico Lodge, No. 369.

The following deaths have been reported to me: Henry Bickford, P. M., G. L. Garden, M. M., John Bryant, M. M., and Joseph Purvis, M. M., King Solomon's; Robt. Robertson, P. M., Thos. McCormock, M. M., and Wm. Turner, M. M., Wilson Lodge; John McLean, P. M., and Richard Knill, M. M., Richardson Lodge; Robt. Phillips, M. M., Zeredatha Lodge; R. A. Sinclair, M. M., and Geo. McDonald, P. M., Doric Lodge; Wm. Hamilton, M. M., St. George's Lodge; Joseph O'Brien, Alpha Lodge; W. B. D. Thurston, P. M., and Geo. Robinson, M. M., Rehoboam Lodge; J. B. Burns, M. M., Zetland Lodge; Lionel Yorke, M. M., St. Andrew's Lodge; L. C. Hawkey, M. M., Seymour Porter, P. M., Geo. Gowland, M. M., St. John's Lodge; Richard Stokes, P. M., Thos. Tripp, M. M., Brougham Lodge; W. S. Robinson, P. M., Thos. A. Lockington, M. M., Ashlar Lodge.

I now append a short report of my visit to each of the Lodges in the District, also a tabulated statement of the work done and the standing of the several Lodges.

Tuscan Lodge, No. 99: My first official visit in the district I paid to this Lodge on October 10th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Borngasser, the District Secretary, I found this Lodge to be in good working order; the attendance about 20; the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and at my request exemplified the third, the work was very accurately performed; the Wardens and subordinate Officers are up to the required standard; the books are well kept, and I consider the prospects of this Lodge among the brightest in the district.

Patterson Lodge, No. 265: I visited this Lodge on the 18th October, accompanied by W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, of Rising Sun Lodge; there was a fair attendance of members and a large number of visiting brethren present; the W. M. opened the Lodge but did not do any work; the Senior

Warden is an expert workman ; the third degree was conferred by W. Bros. Hills and Porter, of St. John's Lodge, Toronto ; the books of the Lodge I found to be in good condition and properly kept, the Secretary, W. Bro. Steele, being a very careful and painstaking officer.

Zetland Lodge, No. 326 : On Nov. 26th I visited this Lodge; it being the night of the election of officers, there was a large attendance, both of members and visitors ; was pleased to see the perfect unanimity and good feeling with which the election of officers passed off ; the W. M., W. Bro. Brown, worked the first degree, the work was well done, not only by the W. M. but all the officers ; the books I found to be well and correctly kept. I was very much pleased to meet at this meeting that enthusiastic Mason, W. Bro. T. H. Brunton, of Tuscan Lodge.

Alpha Lodge, No. 384 : I visited this Lodge on Dec. 6th ; the attendance was large, there being 72 members present ; it being the night of the election of officers, the time occupied for that purpose precluded the possibility of seeing the degrees exemplified ; the W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, the work was done to my satisfaction ; the books are in a good condition and are correctly kept. From what I could judge of the newly elected officers, I believe that they will uphold the good reputation that Alpha Lodge has always done.

St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16 : On December 11th I visited this Lodge, and at the request of the W. M., assisted by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson and V. W. Bro. Tait, installed the newly elected officers, a very large number of the Brethren being present. This Lodge has had a successful and prosperous year, under the management of W. Bro. Doan, and I feel sure that under the guidance of W. Bro. Glanville, the newly installed Master, who is an excellent worker, the Lodge has a bright future before it ; the books I found to be neatly and correctly kept ; on the whole I consider the prospects of this Lodge to be bright.

Humber Lodge, No. 305 : Visited on December 12th, in connection with V. W. Bro. Tait, who was going there to install the newly elected Officers. The attendance was not large, but from the zeal and energy displayed by the newly elected Officers, I am encouraged in the hope that this Lodge will, in the near future, increase in membership and prosperity. The books of the Lodge I found to be in a good condition, and a fact that is worth while to mention, as an incentive to others, is, there are no members in "arrears for dues."

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22 : I visited this Lodge on December 13th, there being 42 members present. This Lodge, I regret to have to state, has not enjoyed that degree of prosperity and harmony so earnestly desired by every true Freemason ; only one candidate being initiated during the year. The unhappy condition to which this once prosperous Lodge is subjected is greatly to be deplored. The W. M. I am happy to state is a good officer, and ably supported by an efficient staff—and it is to be hoped that the dark cloud which covers its fair horizon will vanish at no distant day. The election of officers was held at this meeting, and from the earnestness and ability displayed by the W. M. elect, with the assistance of the other officers of the Lodge, I trust that in the near future a bright prospect is still in store for this Lodge.

Occident Lodge, No. 346 : On Dec. 19th I visited this Lodge for the purpose of installing the newly elected Officers, which I did, assisted by R. W. Bro. Wilkinson ; the attendance was not large, owing to the early hour at which the meeting was called, (six o'clock), to enable them to get through in time for their "Annual Conversazione," which was to be held immediately after the installation ; this Lodge numbers 150 members on its register, and has had a very prosperous year, under the able guidance of W. Bro. Meyerfey and an efficient staff of Officers ; the books of the Lodge I find to be well kept ; the dues fairly well paid up, and the Lodge I consider to be in a healthy and prosperous condition.

Doric Lodge, No. 316 : I visited this Lodge officially on December 20th. The attendance was a large one ; the W. M., W. Bro. Ardagh, worked the first degree, the work was well done, not only by the W. M. but by the Wardens and subordinate Officers ; the newly elected Officers were installed by W. Bro. McDonald, and bid fair as to efficiency. The W. M., Bro. Williams, (whom I have since heard confer degrees on two different occasions), is a brother of more than ordinary merit, and I feel assured that the prospects of Doric Lodge, under his rule, will be a prosperous one.

York Lodge, No. 156 : I visited this Lodge on Jan. 11th, an emergency meeting having been called at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of conferring degrees ; the attendance was not a large one ; there were three candidates for the second degree, the work was exemplified in a manner to commend itself to every lover of good work ; the W. M. is an excellent worker, and assisted by an able set of Officers ; the books I found to be correctly and neatly kept ; this Lodge is in a very prosperous

condition, it having initiated 5 candidates at the previous meeting. In the evening the Lodge held a "Conversazione," and the enjoyable time that I spent with the Brethren of York Lodge will long be remembered by me. I had much pleasure at meeting here an old friend in the person of R. W. Bro. Fisher, P. D. D. G. M.

Georgina Lodge, No. 343: I visited this Lodge on Jan. 17th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Borngasser; the W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees and exemplified the first; I regret to say that the work was not performed as well as I could have wished, but there are some reasons to which this may be partly attributed. This Lodge is situated in the very centre of the district which was infected with small-pox, and were not permitted to assemble for about three months, as directed by the Board of Health; subsequently the removal of the W. M. to a different locality, materially retarded the progress of this Lodge; there are, however, brighter prospects in store for it; the newly elected W. M., Dr. Bently, is an enthusiastic Mason, as well as a good disciplinarian; the books I found in a good condition.

Rising Sun Lodge, No. 129: I visited this Lodge officially on Feb. 1st; the attendance was small, there being only four of the Officers of the Lodge present; the W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees; he is an efficient worker. I regret to have to state that there appears to be a want of that unanimity and harmony which should exist in every prosperous Lodge, and manifests itself in some of the members withdrawing from the W. M. that assistance which is due him, and which greatly mars the prosperity of the Lodge. The books I found to be well and correctly kept, the Secretary being a particularly efficient officer.

St. John's Lodge, No. 75: On February 4th I visited this Lodge; there was a large attendance; the first degree was worked; the work was correctly performed not only by the W. M. but also by all the Officers; the books are well kept; the prospects of this Lodge I consider are bright.

Orient Lodge No. 339: I visited this Lodge on the 5th of February; greeted by a very large assembly of Brethren notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather on that evening. The W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the first; the work of the Officers of this Lodge is uniformly good: books are kept in a creditable manner and their hall one of the best in the district. I particularly admire the taste displayed in adorning and decorating their room, and

their endeavour to make their Lodge room a pleasant retreat is one to be commended. I was also pleased at the large number of the Past Masters of the Lodge I met on this occasion. It shows that they still retain their interest in the affairs of the Lodge, and are ready to aid by their counsel and advice their younger Brethren. This Lodge I consider a *live* one and its prospects among the brightest in the district.

Richmond Lodge, No. 23: I visited this Lodge on February 11th. Attendance small. This Lodge has a membership of about 27. It has suffered by the removal of the Patterson Agricultural Works, which, in consequence, caused many of its members to demit, and affiliate, perhaps, elsewhere. This has materially altered the aspect of the Lodge. With no candidates for admission, perhaps for several years—no work to do—the interest of the few remaining members slackens, and the future prospects of the Lodge is not a good one. The W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees. The work was fairly done. The books, I find, are well kept. Financially the Lodge is in a good state, as they have property worth about \$4,000.

Vaughan Lodge, No. 54: On February 12th I visited this Lodge. Attendance was fair. The W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees; did not confer any degrees. The work was well done by the Master and Officers. The books are well kept. The prospects of this Lodge are good.

Blackwood Lodge, No. 311: This Lodge I visited on February 15th, in company with W. Bro. Dr. Orr, of Maple, who very kindly drove me from Richmond Hill station to Woodbridge. The attendance not large. The W. M. initiated two candidates, and opened and closed in the three degrees. The work was well done. The books, I found, are admirably kept, and portray the efficiency of the Secretary. This Lodge, in some respects, closely resembles Richmond Lodge, as owing to the removal of the Abel Manufacturing Company, many of its members were compelled to seek new fields of labor.

Wilson Lodge, No. 86: I visited this Lodge on February 19th. The attendance fair. The W. M. exemplified the E. A. Degree. The work of the Wardens and subordinate Officers was good, after which the W. M. opened and closed in several degrees. The W. M. is an excellent worker. The books I found to be correctly kept. The prospects of the Lodge are good.

Brougham Union, No. 269: Visited this Lodge officially on February 20th, accompanied by V. W. Bro. Borngasser. The attendance was very fair. The W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, and at my request exemplified the third. In justice to the W. M. I may say that he exemplifies the work very accurately, but an excess of nervousness rather detracts from the effect of the ceremony. The Wardens' and subordinate Officers' work was fair. The Secretary is a painstaking Officer; the books being well kept.

Zeredatha Lodge, No. 220: On March 12th I visited Zeredatha Lodge, the W. M. of which very kindly, at my request, called an emergency meeting for that purpose. This Lodge I found to be in excellent condition; the W. M. and Officers in the character of their work are among the foremost in the district. The books are exceedingly well kept, the Secretary, Bro. Hastie, being thoroughly posted in his duties. The prospects of this Lodge are bright.

Richardson Lodge, No. 136: I visited this Lodge on March 13th. The attendance was small. The W. M. had no work to offer, but opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees; the work was fairly done. This Lodge I regret to say is not in as healthy a state financially as could be desired; the late Secretary, at his death, being indebted to the Lodge a considerable amount of monies, which had been handed to him to pay Lodge indebtedness, and which had not at his death been so applied, and thus far has not been recovered; the present Secretary I find to be a good officer; the books are correctly kept; and I have good hopes that in the future the affairs of this Lodge will be conducted in a more business-like manner.

Markham Union Lodge, No. 87: This Lodge I visited on March 14th. The attendance was a good one. The W. M. opened and closed in all the degrees, and exemplified the first. The W. M. is an excellent worker; the Officers are all well up in their duties; the Secretary, Bro. McKay, has the books in thoroughly good order; this Lodge I anticipate has a bright prospect before it. The W. M. and Officers all appear to take a deep interest in the welfare of the Lodge, and from the material of which it is composed, I feel assured of its prosperity. I also had much pleasure to meet on this occasion R. W. Bros. Vanzant and Speight of this Lodge.

Ashlar Lodge, No. 247: I visited this Lodge on March 26th. The attendance was a very large one, there being official

visits from three of the city Lodges on that occasion. I was very happy to have the pleasure of meeting on this occasion so large a number of the Craft—among others R. W. Bros. Saunders, Blackwood and Wilkinson, also V. W. Bro. Tait. The W. M. opened the Lodge in the three degrees and exemplified the third ; the work was well executed, both by the W. M. and subordinate Officers ; the books I found to be correctly kept. I predict for this Lodge, under the rule of W. Bro. Pearcy, a happy and prosperous year.

Rehoboam Lodge, No. 65 : I visited this Lodge officially on April 4th, accompanied by the District Secretary, V. W. Bro. Borngasser ; the attendance on that occasion being a large one ; there were two initiations on that evening, W. Bro. Bain conferring the degree on the first in a praiseworthy manner ; the assistant Officers also being well up in their respective parts. W. Bro. Williams, of Doric Lodge, initiated the second candidate ; his ability as a worker, as I have already stated in my report of Doric Lodge, is excellent. I was much gratified to meet on this occasion a very worthy Bro. whose acquaintance I formed some years back in my own Lodge at Sharon, I refer to V. W. Bro. F. Gallow. I was particularly pleased in seeing so many of the P. M's. taking a deep interest in the affairs of the Lodge, thus showing that they are yet willing workers in the Vineyard of the Lord. The excellent state in which I found the books is proof of a painstaking Secretary.

St. George's Lodge No. 367 : April 5th visited St. George's Lodge. The attendance on this occasion was a large one. A commendable feature of this Lodge is that it opens sharp on time. There were two candidates initiated ; the W. M., W. Bro. Montgomery, is a particularly good officer ; the Wardens and subordinate Officers all perform their work in a very creditable manner ; the books are well kept ; prospects of this Lodge I consider are good.

River Park Lodge, No. 356 : I visited this Lodge on April 9th. The attendance was small. There was one initiation and one proposition received ; this, the W. M. informed me, was the first work they had done for three years. The W. M. worked the first and opened and closed in the three degrees in a very correct manner ; the Wardens and subordinate Officers did their work fairly well ; the books correctly kept ; prospects a little more favourable.

Ionic Lodge No. 229 : I visited this Lodge officially on April 10th, and was very agreeably surprised to meet on that occasion R. W. Bro. Dr. Freeman, D. D. G. M. Hamilton

District; also. V. W. Bro. Roaf, W. Bro. Morson, Officers and members of Ionic, No. 25, Toronto. This Lodge I consider ranks amongst the foremost in the district; the W. M. and Officers are all good workers; the material of which it is composed is good, Officers and members all seeming to take a lively interest in the welfare of the Lodge; prospects are very bright.

Union Lodge, No. 118: I visited this Lodge on April 15th, accompanied by W. Bro. Allan, of Tuscan Lodge. The attendance on this occasion was a very fair one; the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the first; the work was fairly done; an excess of nervousness on his part somewhat detracted from the effect of the ceremony; Wardens' work fair; the books are well kept; the Secretary, Bro. Brereton, being an efficient officer.

Brock Lodge, No. 354: This Lodge I visited on May 15th, accompanied by the District Secretary. To visit this Lodge necessitates a drive of nearly 40 miles. I am greatly indebted to Bro. Mark Kay, of Wilfred, a member of this Lodge, for entertaining myself and the district Secretary, and driving us from his residence to Cannington and back that evening, a distance of about 16 miles. The attendance was not large, owing somewhat to the inclemency of the weather, it being very wet and stormy; the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, and at my request, exemplified the third in a manner highly commendable; I have no hesitation in saying that in Bro. Nutting, Brock Lodge has a Master who ranks among the best in the district; the Junior Warden is also a good officer; the Senior was not present; the books I found to be correctly kept; the prospects of the Lodge I consider good.

Zeta Lodge, No. 410: On May 23rd I visited this Lodge. The attendance was large. This Lodge, I am pleased to be able to report is maintaining its past reputation as being one of the best in the district, the W. M., W. Bro. Cavell, being an excellent worker; the Wardens as well as the subordinate Officers being all well up and efficient in the discharge of their respective duties. The books are kept in a neat, correct and business-like manner.

Ionic Lodge, No. 25: I visited officially this Lodge on June 4th. The attendance was large. This Lodge possesses in the W. M., W. Bro. Morson, not only a first-class exemplifier of the work, but one of the best executive officers in the district, and an enthusiastic Craftsman. The work as exemplified by the

Officers of this Lodge was as near perfect as it is possible to expect. I also attended this Lodge on the occasion of the visit of the M. W. the Grand Master to the Brethren composing the several Lodges in the city, and I must thank them for the very hearty manner in which they acceded to my request that they would receive him and extend the hospitality of their Lodge to the Brethren who would assemble to welcome him.

Stevenson Lodge, No. 218: I visited this Lodge on June 10th, the attendance on that occasion being an exceedingly large one. The W. M., W. Bro. Nicholson, occupied the chair, opened and closed in the three degrees, and worked the E. A. degree in an excellent manner. The assistant Officers are all well up in their duties, and as a whole the Officers of this Lodge are quite competent to render the ceremonies attractive as well as instructive. The books are in excellent condition; the prospects are very encouraging.

Mimico Lodge, No. 369: I visited this Lodge on June 11th. There was a fair attendance of the Brethren present; the W. M. opened and closed the Lodge in the three degrees, and at my request, exemplified the first; the W. M. exemplifies the work correctly, but hurries through it in such a manner as to spoil the beautiful effect which it has when properly rendered; the Senior Warden is a good Officer; other Officers are fairly well up in their duties; the books I found in good condition and correctly kept. There is material in this Lodge for a first-class working one.

Robertson Lodge, No. 292: I visited this Lodge on June 12th. The attendance of members was small, only 7 being present; there being no work to offer the W. M. opened and closed in the three degrees, which was well done by all the Officers who were present. This Lodge has a very comfortable hall, which they built, and have just succeeded in completing the payment of the debt on it; the books I found in a good state. The prospects of the Lodge are looking brighter.

Sharon Lodge, No. 97: I visited this Lodge on June 25th, the W. M., at my request, calling an emergency for that purpose. The attendance of members was fair. I was very much pleased to meet V. W. Bro. Roaf, Toronto; also R. W. Bro. Widdifield, W. Bro. Branton and W. Bro. Allan, of Tuscan Lodge, on this occasion; the W. M., Bro. Willson, is a good worker—he, at my request, opened and closed in the three degrees and exemplified the third, which he did very correctly; the Wardens' and subordinate Officers' work fair;

the books are correctly kept. The prospects of the Lodge are good.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the Officers and members of the several Lodges throughout the district for the uniform courtesy and fraternal feeling extended to me whenever I have met the Lodges or individual Brethren, either officially or otherwise, during my term of office, and I can assure them that the many pleasant and instructive hours spent with the Brethren of the Toronto District will be treasured up in my remembrance, and I shall always look back with pleasure to the year in which I held the office of D. D. G. M. of the district, and I trust that whoever my successor shall be that the same kind consideration will be extended to him that I have received at their hands.

I also desire to thank R. W. Bro. Malone, P. D. D. G. M., for the assistance he has rendered me—his aid and counsel has been invaluable.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JAS. WAYLING,

D. D. G. M. Toronto District No. 11.

SHARON, July 1st, 1889.

TABLE SHOWING WORK DONE IN DISTRICT No. 11
from June 24th, 1888, to June 24th, 1889.

No.	LODGE.	MEETINGS.		Average Attendance.	Initiations.	Affiliations.	Suspensions.	Reinstated.	Deaths.	Financial Standing.	Degrees worked by W. M.	Proposed— not yet balloted for.	Prospects.	
		Regular.	Emerg't.											
16	St. Andrew's	11	1	171	43	5	7	1	1	Strong.	3	1	Good.	
22	King Solomon's	13	2	136	40	1	3	1	4	Good.	3	2	Not good.	
23	Richmond	12	..	27	12	..	1	..	..	Good.	..	..	Poor.	
25	Ionic	10	5	125	61	14	7	..	..	Good.	3	3	Very good.	
54	Vaughan	13	..	49	15	2	..	..	..	Very good.	3	..	Good.	
65	Rehoobam	12	6	159	45	11	3	10	2	Good.	3	..	Bright.	
75	St. John's	12	5	207	75	14	7	7	..	Very good.	3	..	Bright.	
86	Wilson	10	3	117	50	7	4	1	3	Fair.	3	..	Encour'g	
87	Markham Union	14	1	31	14	3	1	1	..	Good.	3	..	Good.	
97	Sharon	11	..	43	12½	2	1	3	1	Good.	3	..	Very good.	
99	Tuscan	11	..	40	15	1	..	..	..	Good.	3	2	Good.	
118	Union	10	..	27	15	3	..	..	..	Good.	1st&3d	..	Improving	
129	Rising Sun	12	1	50	12½	4	..	8	..	Fair.	3	..	Fair.	
136	Richardson	7	3	20	10	1	..	..	2	Fair.	3	..	Fair.	
156	York	10	1	66	8	..	..	..	..	Good.	3	1	Very good.	
218	Stevenson	12	3	161	68	..	25	4	..	Good.	3	2	Very good.	

220	Zeredatha	12	3	3	1	Good.	1	1	Very good.
229	Ionic	13	3	3	1	Good.	3	..	Good.
247	Ashlar	10	6	..	2	Good.	3	..	Good.
265	Patterson	7	1	..	1	Good.	..	2	Fair.
269	Brougham	13	..	47	13	Very good.	3	..	Fair.
292	Robertson	6	1	27	7½	Good.	3	1	Good.
305	Humber	8	..	38	15	Fair.	3	1	Improving
311	Blackwood	12	2	36	13	Good.	3	1	Good.
316	Doric	10	7	119	42	Good.	3	1	Good.
326	Zetland	10	4	137	38	1st&2d	..	..	Good.
339	Orient	14	2	141	59	1st&2d	..	..	Bright.
343	Georgina	13	1	56	15	1st&2d	..	..	Good.
346	Occident	12	2	154	50	1st&2d	..	..	Good.
354	Brock	14	1	44	16	1	1	1	Very good.
356	River Park	11	..	33	10	2	..	..	Improving
367	St. George	13	6	130	56	7	..	..	Good.
369	Mimico	12	3	59	25	6	1	1	Good.
385	Alpha	12	8	154	53.6	18	4	..	Very fav.
410	Zeta	12	6	58	24	10	4	2	Very good.

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 12.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor of submitting for your consideration my second report on the condition of Masonry in District No. 12.

It is gratifying to be able to report the district is in a prosperous condition ; peace, harmony and brotherly love abound among the Brethren ; the Officers are for the most part skilled workmen ; excellent material has been introduced into the Order during the year, and the social features of Masonry, which tend so much to make our meetings attractive, are being more and more sedulously cultivated.

Almost my first duty on returning from Grand Lodge last year was to visit the death-bed of our late Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, P. D. D. G. M. of this District. He was a man of more than ordinary ability ; honest, upright and capable in the discharge of his avocations ; a faithful and diligent student of Masonic lore ; a wise counsellor ; a steadfast friend ; one whose ripe judgment and practical sagacity will be much missed among the Brethren. He was buried with Masonic honors on the 31st of July, 1888, and the large attendance of the Craft gave evidence of the high esteem in which Bro. Macdonnell was held by those who knew him.

The M. W. the Grand Master being desirous of meeting the Brethren of this District, I summoned the Lodges to meet in the Masonic hall, Peterborough, on Tuesday, the 18th Dec., 1888. There was a very large attendance, most of the Lodges being represented. The presence of such a distinguished visitor as the Grand Master largely contributed to the interest of the occasion, and his practical instructions and earnest addresses were greatly appreciated. The first degree was exemplified by W. Bro. H. Rush and Brethren of Corinthian and Peterborough Lodges, and the second by W. Bro. A. Dawson. In the evening the attendance was considerably augmented, when actual work in the third degree was taken up, and the exposition of the impressive ceremonies by Officers of the same Lodges elicited marked attention. The meetings lasted two days, during which time the interest gradually increased,

and a great deal of practical information and sound Masonic instruction were imparted, while the exemplification of the work so accurately and carefully performed, could not fail to be of benefit to those who joined in the proceedings and to the Craft in general.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

Keene Lodge, No. 374, Keene: Visited Sept. 20th, 1888; found the Lodge in a satisfactory condition; all the Officers understand their duties and the members are enthusiastic; meetings are held regularly; the average attendance being 13. Much credit is due to V. W. Bro. Jas. McNeil, for the continued prosperity of this Lodge.

On December 27th I visited Corinthian and Peterborough Lodges and had the pleasure of installing the newly elected officers. The unanimity and fraternal feeling existing between these Lodges is worthy of all commendation.

Norwood Lodge, No. 223: Visited January 15th, 1889, and installed the Officers. The old time interest in Masonic matters seems to have revived here; the work is fairly well done and the attendance is better than it has been for years past.

Clementi Lodge, No. 313, Lakefield: Visited Feb. 5th, 1889. W. B. Sheldrake is one of the best workers in the district, and the Secretary, Bro. R. Q. Dench, is deserving of praise for the excellent manner in which he performs his duties. The prospects of this Lodge are excellent.

Murray Lodge, No. 408, Beaverton: Visited March 12th. There has been a decided improvement in this Lodge over last year. A goodly number of fit and proper persons have been initiated, and the outlook for growth and prosperity is encouraging. Before long it is expected a new Masonic Hall will be erected in the village. The average attendance has been 20. I had the pleasure of meeting here W. Bro. Cockburn, ex-M. P. P., the honored founder of this Lodge, and one who is highly respected by the Brethren.

Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough: Visited March 1st, 1889. W. Bro. David Spence and his staff of assistants are well versed in Masonic matters. Instruction meetings were regularly held by the W. M., and the results are seen in an experienced and thoroughly well-equipped corps of Officers. The dues are faithfully collected and the books are neatly kept by the efficient Secretary, Bro. A. S. A. Smith.

Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee : Visited May 2nd, 1889. Attendance, good. Work in the three degrees was exemplified very creditably. This Lodge has some able workers, among others V. W. Bro. W. Miller deserves credit. The meetings are regularly held and the future is assured.

J. B. Hall Lodge, No. 145, Millbrook : Visited May 9th, 1889. The W. M., R. W. Bro. Dr. Turner, is one of the best workers in the district, but there is much room for improvement in his subordinates. The Brethren have such an excellent Lodge room and such good material that the attendance ought to be larger and the work improved.

Spry Lodge, No. 406, Fenelon Falls : Visited Feb. 8th, 1889. The W. M., Dr. Graham, is well qualified to fill the chair. I exemplified portions and instructed the Brethren in all the degrees. Meetings have been regularly held ; average attendance 17. The prospects are good, provided the Brethren carry out their obligations faithfully.

Faithful Brethren Lodge, No. 77, Lindsay : Visited April 5th, 1889. The attendance was good ; the work well and creditably performed. The Lodge is in an extremely healthy condition ; the Secretary most efficient ; the W. M. and Wardens all that could be desired. The members are—many of them—faithful Masonic students, anxious to carry out our glorious principles ; with such characteristics the future of the Lodge is assured.

Verulam Lodge, No. 268, Bobcaygeon : Visited May 9th, 1889. The W. M., Bro. the Rev. W. Farncomb is able to exemplify all the degrees, the other Officers might improve. Membership increasing ; prospects good ; books well kept ; Lodge in good financial standing.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 101, Peterboro : Visited June 12th, 1889. The W. M., Col. H. C. Rogers and Officers are well grounded in the work ; the attendance should be better ; excellent material has been received during the year, and the working power of the Lodge should thereby be greatly increased. The Secretary, Bro. T. E. Bradburn, is a very efficient Officer ; the average attendance, 15.

Ontario Lodge, No. 26, Port Hope : This Lodge is in a prosperous condition, a large amount of work has been done during the year, and the meetings are well attended. The death of W. Bro. Chas. Doebler, one of its most useful members, leaves a blank on the Board of Relief, which is very hard

to fill. The mournful cortège which followed his remains to their last resting place, attested the high esteem in which Bro. Doebler was held by his fellow citizens and many others.

Hope Lodge, No. 114, Port Hope: I understand this Lodge has greatly improved during the year. Its membership has increased, meetings are regularly held and the prospects are good.

Composite Lodge, No. 30, Whitby; Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, Bomanville and Lebanon Lodge, No. 139, Oshawa: Reports from all these are very satisfactory. No more enthusiastic Masons are found in this district. The Officers are competent; the sick and needy are looked after; and meetings are duly held.

Mount Zion Lodge, No. 39, Brooklin, and Durham Lodge, No. 66, Newcastle: The territory from which these Lodges can draw is very circumscribed, and growth is therefore not to be expected. They number among the Brethren some efficient and earnest members, and it is due to their zealous efforts that the craft stands as it does to-day.

Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Port Perry: The Brethren of this Lodge deserve praise for the earnest struggles they have made to refit and furnish the present Lodge room. They are now out of debt, except a small sum claimed by Grand Lodge. Initiations during the year, 4. Meetings held, 13. Number of deaths, 2.

Cedar Lodge, No. 270, Oshawa: I was not able to visit this Lodge during the year, but the reports show satisfactory progress.

Orono Lodge, No. 325, Orono: Though not situated near a railway, this Lodge has a membership of 51 and is in a thriving condition.

Victoria Lodge, No. 398, Victoria Road: This Lodge has a membership of 34, chiefly farmers, most of them living at a distance from the hall. They attend the meetings regularly and take a lively interest in matters Masonic. The hall is owned by the Lodge and they are in a sound financial condition.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED, ETC.

I granted Dispensations to the following Lodges to attend divine service, clothed as Masons, viz: The Spry Lodge, No.

405, Fenelon Falls, on December 27th, 1888, and Lorne Lodge, No. 375, Omemee, on June 30th, 1889.

I have revised and obtained the confirmation of the M. W. the Grand Master to By-laws of the following Lodges: Victoria Lodge, No. 398; Faithful Brethren, No. 77; Peterborough, No. 155; Corinthian, No. 101; Jerusalem, No. 31.

PERSONAL.

Through the unavoidable absence of Bro., the Rev. W. C. Bradshaw (our very efficient District Secretary), for a great portion of the year, I sustained a severe loss, but I am pleased to state he has returned from a winter's sojourn in the south much improved in health, and will I trust long be spared to assist the Craft in Canada by his zeal, ability and devoted service to the cause of Masonry.

My best thanks are due to the M. W. the Grand Master for the assistance and counsel he has given me so readily during the year; to the R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary, for promptness and regularity in correspondence, and to R. W. Bro. E. H. D. Hall, Peterborough, for his unremitting courtesy, advice and help whenever solicited.

In conclusion I wish to render my unfeigned thanks to the Brethren of the district, not only for receiving me with respect and consideration, but for extending to me at all times the right hand of fellowship, and for their bestowal of unfailing hospitality. I can never forget their kindness and friendship and I can only hope my acts have received their cordial approval. I retire from the responsible position of trust which I have held by the courtesy of Grand Lodge for two successive years, feeling that the condition of Masonry has steadily improved during that time in the Ontario District, knowing as I do that peace, harmony and good will abound among the Brethren, and trusting that my successor may be enabled to advance the interests of the Craft much more satisfactorily than I have done, and that he may retire, as I fondly hope I do, with the approbation of the Brethren, and with an unsullied official record.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

B. SHORTLY,

D. D. G. M. Ontario District No. 12.

PETERBOROUGH, June 26th, 1889.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—In presenting you with this my second report, I do so with enhanced pleasure from the fact that I am again able to use the language of the former one, and state that “good feeling and fraternal fellowship reign throughout Prince Edward District.”

I have this year, as I did last, been enabled to visit each Lodge at least once, and for that purpose have so arranged my visits that an emergent meeting has been called but once for the purpose of receiving me.

In all I have paid twenty-nine visits.

In about one-half of the Lodges there was no work to be done. In cases of that kind, I always asked for an exhibition of what could be done by the W. M. and Officers, and must bear testimony to the fact that marked improvement was shewn in this respect over what was done on my former visit, and now have no hesitation in stating that the working of the degrees is as well exemplified in the 13th district, as in any other district in the jurisdiction.

One matter I found *every Lodge* that I asked a test from very weak in, is that of the examination of visitors. The excuses offered for this were numerous. In most cases I found that the matter had been left in the hands of P. M's, who had become so rusty that in many instances the visitor might better have examined the examining committee.

On occasions when no work was before the Lodge I invariably tried to impress upon the Officers and Brethren the necessity for some well skilled Brother to prepare a paper, lecture or talk on the teachings of the Craft through its symbols, emblems, characters and signs, and in some cases exacted promises from Brethren who I knew were capable of doing their duty along this line, that they would try to make their presence a benefit to their Lodge, and the meetings pleasant and profitable.

Numerous questions have been asked me in regard to the Masonic population, wealth, etc., of this district, and conceiving that it is a matter that may be of interest to many of the

Brethren of Prince Edward District, I will now give a few figures as to our standing.

I would have liked very much to hold up our progress for the instruction of each brother who reads this report, but from the fact that my tabulated statement was refused a place in the pages of last year's report of Grand Lodge, owing to the reason that it would occupy more than one page of that report, I refrain from doing so fearing that it might again be eliminated.

We have in this district twenty-two Lodges ; out of that number there are three at least that are quite weak, only struggling for existence.

Our district has 1212 Masons on the rolls of the Lodges, the largest Lodge in numbers being that of Prince Edward, No. 18, Picton, and the smallest being that of Grafton, No. 308, Grafton, their membership is respectively one hundred and thirty-eight and fourteen.

Seventy new members have been made ; in all two hundred and thirty-three degrees have been conferred. Eleven have been removed by death, but as the Lodges have only reported the names in exceptional instances, I will mention but one who from his rank (*that of P. D. D. G. M.,*) and high estimation in which he was held by his Brethren, it will not seem invidious to mention, I refer to Dr. Loomis of Madoc Lodge, No. 48 Madoc, his death occurred on the 30th January last.

Nine of the buildings occupied as Masonic Halls are owned by the Craft, their value approximated being twenty-one thousand seven hundred dollars, and the value of the Masonic contents of entire Lodges of the district being about twelve thousand dollars ; on the buildings and contents there is an insurance of upwards of twenty thousand dollars. I find that ten persons have applied for and received Masonic relief, a very small number for such a district.

The matter of the travelling expenses of the D. D. G. M., is one that should in some way be dealt with by Grand Lodge ; some more explicit ruling should be given in regard to this matter ; my opinion is that a stated sum from each Lodge should be required by Grand Lodge from the private Lodges. Many D. D. G. M's would rather go without the money than hear a Lodge discussion as to the amount that should be paid, and as in my own case have a member rise and object to anything of the kind being done, my immediate predecessor

having been a member of this Lodge and no money for expenses having been voted to him when he visited.

In other cases you are asked, well how much do we owe you? with an air as though you were a hard creditor to settle with. Of course cases of this kind are exceptional but it should be made impossible for them to occur.

The Thirteenth Masonic District has been exceptionally fortunate the past year in having had the presence of the Grand Master on four different occasions—at Belleville, when he made a presentation on behalf of the Craft of that city to V. W. Bro. Jas. Macoun; at Cobourg, when he was tendered a banquet by the Brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 17; at Picton, when he was similarly treated by Prince Edward Lodge, and at Wellington, when a Special Communication of Grand Lodge was convened for the purpose of enabling him to lay the corner stone of the Masonic temple that the fraternity are erecting there.

We have also been honored by the D. G. M., who afforded the Brethren of this district a rich treat by delivering before them one of his lectures on Freemasonry.

If numbers and enthusiasm is any indication of progress and affection, these rulers in the Royal Craft must have concluded that the tide had set in the right direction for Masonry here.

To those two distinguished Brethren are due, on behalf of the Craft, and are hereby tendered by me to them, the thanks of the district for the counsel, advice, instruction and loving brotherly lessons of purity and morality delivered by them to us; may they long live to honor and be ornaments to Masonry.

Dispensations were granted by me to P. E. Lodge, Picton, and to Madoc Lodge, Madoc, the first for the purpose of attending divine service on the 23rd of June, and the second for the purpose of appearing clothed as Masons at a Demonstration held at the latter place on St. John's day.

Last year I reported that Grafton Lodge, No. 308, had resolved to surrender their warrant; however, they have reconsidered the matter and concluded that they would make another effort to keep alive. In this Lodge is exemplified the fact that mere ritual will not keep a Lodge together. The W. M., Dr. Boyce, is a good worker, but a number of their members told me that they got tired of coming night after night and nothing to do but the work of opening and closing.

Now, after two years of pleasant Masonic intercourse, I surrender the gavel of office—feeling that to my successor I leave a district where Masonry is a power for good ; a district wherein I have received numberless kindnesses and attentions ; a district that will receive any executive Officer with open arms when in the performance of duty ; and a district that embraces the brightest minds and the men of the most distinguished places in the community.

I have tried to do my duty, and feel that I owe the Free-masons of this district more than I will ever be able to repay.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

W.M. SMEATON,

D. D. G. M. Prince Edward District No. 13.

BELLEVILLE, July 6th, 1889.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, I have the honor to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry in Frontenac District, No. 14 :—

During my year in office I visited thirteen out of the sixteen Lodges in this district.

My first visit was made to St. John's Lodge, No. 340, Pittsburgh, on the 9th day of January—an emergent called for installation of Officers, for which I procured a dispensation ; I notified the Secretary by letter, and also the W. M. personally. I had to drive about eleven miles, and the evening being stormy, was very unpleasant ; on my arrival found only the Secretary and Tyler ; after waiting about two hours and no other Brethren making their appearance, I returned home. I examined the Secretary's books and found most of the Brethren in arrears for dues. In my opinion, it would be better for Masonry if Lodges so situated were closed.

Maple Leaf Lodge, No. 109, Bath : Accompanied by W.

Bros. J. Waddell and Geo. Sommerville, I visited this Lodge on January 11th, 1889, on a regular meeting; the attendance was very good. The W. M., C. L. Rogers, conferred the third degree in an able and efficient manner, and was well assisted by his Officers. The Secretary's books are neat and well kept. The Lodge is in good hands, and prospects are very good.

Frontenac Lodge, No. 363, Cataraqui: On the 15th Jan. I visited this Lodge and found them in a very bad condition, they not having had a meeting since June, 1888; the meeting was called to see if the Brethren would close up the Lodge or not, there were only seven members present, and they decided to do all in their power to bring the Lodge up to its former standing, and at their next regular meeting to elect and install their Officers for the ensuing year. I procured the necessary dispensation and again visited them, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wm. Waddington, and assisted by him installed the Officers; the attendance was very small. The Secretary keeps the books very creditably.

Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa: Accompanied by R. W. Bro. Waddington, W. Bros. Kinghorn and Sommerville and Bro. F. B. Gillen, I visited Prince Arthur Lodge on the 21st January, the attendance was very fair; a dispensation having been procured I, assisted by W. Bros. Waddington, Kinghorn and Sommerville, installed the Officers for the ensuing year. I examined the Secretary's books and found them well kept. Masonry in this part of this district is not making much progress.

Minden Lodge, No. 253: On the 4th of February I made my official visit to this Lodge; about twenty-five members were present, also a fair representation of the other city Lodges. The second degree was conferred by the W. M., H. Mowat, in a very creditable manner; the Wardens and other Officers had their work fairly well up. The Secretary's books are neatly and correctly kept, and prospects of this Lodge are bright. I also visited this Lodge at most of the regular meetings, and always found a very good attendance of the Past Masters and members, which adds very largely to the success of this Lodge.

The Ancient St. John's Lodge, No. 3, my mother Lodge: I made my official visit on the 7th of February. Work for the evening, an initiation, which was very creditably done by the W. M., John Waddell; the Wardens and Officers deserve credit for the efficient manner in which they did their work. The future prospects are that the Ancient St. John's will still main-

tain their position as regards work for many years to come. The Secretary, W. Bro. I. Sutherland, a mason of very long standing, and for a number of years Secretary of this Lodge, deserves great credit for the neat and efficient manner in which his books are kept. The Treasurer, Bro. E. R. Welch, deserves special mention for the manner in which he conducts the finances of the Lodge. Prospects of this old Lodge were never better.

Leeds Lodge, No. 201, Gananoque : I visited this Lodge on February 12th ; about thirty members were present. The second degree was conferred by the W. M., Alex. C. Watt, who did the work very well ; the Wardens and Officers were fairly well up in their work. I had the pleasure of accepting, on behalf of the W. M. and members of Leeds Lodge, a handsome cushion presented to them by a few ladies, wives and prominent masons of Gananoque, a feature which added very much to the enjoyment of the evening. Prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 92, City : I made my official visit to this Lodge on February 13th ; about twenty-five members were present, also a fair representation of the other city Lodges. As there was no work for the evening, I had the Lodge raised to the third degree and then closed down, which was done very creditably by the W. M., R. Bunt, assisted by his Wardens and Officers. The Secretary, D. Callaghan, deserves great credit for the neatness and correctness with which his books are kept.

Albion Lodge; No. 109, Harrowsmith : Accompanied by about fifteen Brethren from the city Lodges, I made my official visit to this Lodge on the 15th February. The Lodge is in very good working order and good harmony seems to prevail. The W. M., B. Day, is very well up in his work. I had the pleasure that evening of presenting the W. M., on behalf of the Officers and members of Albion Lodge, with a very handsome P. M's Jewel. The books of this Lodge are neat and well kept, and prospects very bright.

Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 146, Newburgh : I made my official visit to this Lodge, March 13th, 1889 ; about twenty members were present. The Lodge is just recovering from the heavy loss sustained by the late fire. Work for the evening, an initiation, which was very well exemplified by the W. M., Geo. Anson Aylesworth ; the Warden and Officers are fairly well up with their work. The books are well and correctly kept.

Victoria Lodge, No. 299, Centreville: On the 14th of March, accompanied by the W. M. and a number of brethren of Prince of Wales Lodge, I visited Victoria Lodge; work for the evening, an initiation, which was fairly done by the W. M.; the Wardens and Officers are not very well up in the work owing to the dormant state in which this Lodge has been for some time past. Future prospects appear to be more favorable.

Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee: I made my official visit to this Lodge on the 15th day of March; about 75 Brethren were present, including several Brethren from the 13th District. Since the amalgamation of this and Mount Sinai Lodge, it appears to be in a very flourishing condition, and the greatest harmony seems to prevail. The W. M., Wardens and Officers have their work up fairly well. The Chaplain, the Venerable Archdeacon Jones, gave an able and interesting address on Masonry, which added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The Secretary's books are well and neatly kept; and future prospects of this Lodge are very bright.

Lorne Lodge, No. 404, Tamworth: I visited this Lodge on April 2nd, at an emergent called for my visit and the exemplification of the work in the third degree. Very W. Bro. Richardson, the W. M., exemplified the work in a very creditable manner; the Wardens and Officers are all well posted in the work; the work done by this Lodge is above the average. The books are well and neatly kept. This Lodge is in a very flourishing condition.

I installed the Officers of the Ancient St. John's, No. 3; Cataraqui, No. 92; Prince Arthur, No. 228; Minden, No. 253 and Frontenac, No. 363.

To the Brethren of the Lodges I have visited I desire to acknowledge most cordially their kind hospitalities accorded to me as their representative in Grand Lodge, and trust that the Lodges in this district will steadily advance in the prosperity of our noble Order.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

H. J. WILKINSON,
D. D. G. M. Frontenac District No. 14.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, No. 15.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—Although not present at Grand Lodge last year, the Brethren of St. Lawrence District No. 15, honored me by electing me their District Deputy Grand Master, a position which I accepted with much diffidence, as I hold strong views as to the duty of the D. D. G. M. to the Lodges, and correspondingly from the Lodges to him. In this district there are twenty-two Lodges, extending from Perth in the north, Lansdowne in the south, and away east to Lancaster, the whole district forming an exaggerated letter L, and I must say I think some alteration should be made so as to make the Lodges more easily accessible, as at present, to reach certain Lodges, other districts have to be crossed. I have visited sixteen out of the twenty-two Lodges, some of them twice, and in every case have addressed the Brethren on the history and symbolism of the Craft; after making the Officers show me their ability to perform the ordinary work of the Lodge, in all cases where no candidates were present. I have also been able to see the various degrees conferred in several Lodges, and am glad to say that I have almost always found the Officers well up in their work, and close attention paid to the ritual. In only one case had I to find fault with an attempt to diverge from the authorized work, and this I think is not likely again to occur. I also found the books well kept, but in many cases too much latitude allowed to Brethren to get in arrears for dues. I think, however, that this is now being remedied, and that another year will show a marked improvement.

I had the honor of attending the Grand Master at Cornwall Lodge, when the Officers were installed, and again at Brockville, when he dedicated and consecrated the fine new room for Salem Lodge. I also had the pleasure of welcoming Rt. Worshipful Bro. J. Ross Robertson to True Britons Lodge at Perth, where he delivered to a full Lodge his able lecture on "a Century of Masonry in Canada." I am specially requested by several Lodges in this district to thank the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master for their several visits, which to my personal knowledge have been of great benefit to the Craft in this district, and already have infused new life in the Lodges. I trust our

Brethren, who in the future are elected to these high positions, will follow the precedent now set, as while there are so many beneficiary societies in existence amongst us, unless our high Officers occasionally visit each district, interest fades away and the cause of Masonry is injured. There are in this and I suppose in all the districts, a great many unaffiliated Masons, whom I have as far as my feeble powers go, striven to draw back to the fold. I notice that many of the best men whom we initiate, drop away after a time, because all that is offered them, is a repetition of the usual formulas of opening and closing Lodge, and conferring degrees, while no attempt is made to instruct them "in the reason why of our existence," nor in our antient history and peculiar laws and symbols. I feel confident that were this done and a little more sociability introduced, in addition to the ordinary formalities (I speak of Lodges outside the cities,) the Craft would still further prosper. I notice and am glad to see a growing desire amongst the Lodges to attend, as Masons, divine service at least once a year.

Immediately after my election I was called upon to lay the foundation stone of a church at North Augusta, but not having then been installed, R. W. Bro. Beynolds, of Brockville, very kindly performed the ceremony.

Several deaths have been reported to me as follows:—Bro. H. B. Wright, Sussex Lodge, No. 5, Brockville; R. W. Bro. A. G. McDonell, Excelsior Lodge, No. 142; R. W. Bro. Jno. S. Coombs, True Britons Lodge, No. 14, Perth.

In conclusion, I have only to say that wherever I have gone throughout the St. Lawrence District, I have met with the heartiest and most generous welcome from each and every Lodge; and I ask the Brethren, in whatever they see that I have failed in, to give me the benefit of their Masonic charity, and believe that at all events I have tried to do my best to forward the interests of the Craft in general, and this district in particular.

Yours fraternally,

W. J. MORRIS,
D. D. G. M. St. Lawrence District No. 15.

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 16.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN :—I have the honor herewith to submit my second annual report on the condition of Freemasonry in this District.

VISITATIONS.

During the Masonic year just closed I have visited all the Lodges in the Ottawa District ; several I had the privilege of visiting twice or thrice, and some four or five times. There has been a marked improvement in exemplifying the degrees. If some of the W. M.'s, however, would give their subordinate Officers a little coaching previous to meeting nights, the work would be better done. I have pleasure in reporting that one Lodge in this district (Civil Service No. 148) has adopted the commendable practice of holding a private Lodge of Instruction for the Officers prior to the regular meeting nights of the Lodge. The result is that the degrees are exemplified with a smoothness and a readiness which I feel satisfied few Lodges in the Jurisdiction can excel. Goodwood Lodge, No. 159, Richmond, has taken a new lease of life, and is now one of the most prosperous Lodges in the district ; some new blood has come to the front ; there has been a complete change in the staff of Officers, and the result is vitality of a most commendable nature. In summing up the condition of the Craftsmen in this district the only regrettable feature appears to me to be the large amount of arrears of dues, of which so many Lodges complain. A remedy for the existing state of affairs, in my opinion, would be found by applying the spirit of clause 152 of the Constitution—which disqualifies any private Lodge from being represented at Grand Lodge unless Grand Lodge dues have first been paid to private Lodges, and debarring all those members, who are over twelve months in arrears for dues, from exercising their ballots on nights of election.

St. John's Lodge, Vankleek Hill : I am pleased to be able to report that the negotiations for the transfer of St. John's Lodge, Vankleek Hill, from the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Ireland to that of the Grand Lodge of Canada, have been successfully concluded, St. John's Lodge now being numbered 21a on our Grand Register. It was not until December last that the negotiations were finally terminated, and on the

18th of that month, accompanied by R. W. Bro. Wm. Rea, P. D. D. G. M.; R. W. Bro. Garrioch, D. D. G. M. for the Ottawa District, Q. R.; W. Bro. Reynolds and others, I visited Vankleek Hill, and handed over the Canadian Warrant, securing in return the Warrant held from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which was subsequently forwarded to R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, Grand Secretary.

WELCOME VISITORS.

During the year the Sixteenth District was officially visited by M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, G. M., and an able lecture on "A hundred years of Craft Masonry in Canada," was delivered by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson to two hundred Craftsmen, under the auspices of Builders' Lodge, No. 177, Ottawa. The visits of these two distinguished Brethren to the Capital cannot fail to have a beneficial effect on the Craft in the District.

OTTAWA MEMS.

The plan referred to in my last year's report of establishing "Masonic nights" in Ottawa has been successfully carried out, and the seven city Lodges are now meeting on the consecutive Tuesdays and Fridays in each month.

It is with pleasure that I have to report the entering into an agreement by all the Ottawa Lodges for the appointment of an Organist, who attends all the Lodge meetings and conducts the musical portion of our ceremonies, in a way which is a decided improvement over the old arrangement.

DISPENSATIONS

have been granted during the year to the Lodges meeting at North Bay, Vankleek Hill, Plantagenet, Carleton Place, Mattawa, Arnprior and Richmond, and to Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, to attend divine service in Masonic clothing.

CLOSING REMARKS.

In bringing to a close the duties which the Brethren of this district have imposed upon me for two years, I have to acknowledge the uniform kindness and courtesy shown me upon my official visitations, and I feel satisfied that the same fraternal spirit will be manifested towards my successor. I have to thank the Brethren of the district for the valuable assistance rendered to me on many occasions, and would conclude with the hope that Craft Masonry in the sixteenth district may live and prosper.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

DAVID TAYLOR,

D. D. G. M. Ottawa District No. 16.

OTTAWA, July 2nd, 1889.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario:

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN:—I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in the 17th Masonic District.

I have visited all the Lodges in the district.

My first official act was to appoint W. Bro. J. A. Fraser of Port Arthur, District Secretary, and Rev. Bro. H. W. Fraser of Fort William, District Chaplain. I found my Secretary a very able assistant.

Keystone Lodge, No. 412, Sault Ste. Marie: I visited this Lodge on the 8th of October, 1888, and witnessed the conferring of the second and third degrees by W. Bro. Rodgers, assisted by an efficient set of Officers. The work was well done, and if I may particularize, I shall mention the duties of Deacon ably performed by our young Bro. Rev. Mr. Vanix. There were 22 present; meetings held, 14; average attendance, 12. A banquet was given me after the close of the meeting which was most enjoyable.

Manitoulin Lodge, No. 407, Gore Bay: Visited on the 10th of October, 1888. Owing to the irregularity of the mail service, my letter to the W. M. apprising him of my intended visit only reached Gore Bay a day or two before myself. The W. M. was absent from home, but the Secretary called a meeting; of course the attendance under the circumstances was small; there were 9 present; W. Bro. Young, P. M. of the Lodge presided. Owing to the isolated situation of this Lodge, the members have little chance of visiting other Lodges and in consequence I had to point out some little irregularities.

The arrival of the Steamer which I had to return by shortened the meeting somewhat. Number of meetings, 8; average attendance, 9. In March last I received a letter from the W. M. stating that several members had withdrawn from the Lodge in consequence of a candidate having been rejected. The W. M. suggested that I should cause the withdrawal of the charter and establish a Lodge elsewhere, and stating this was the wish of those who had withdrawn; I had to reply that the members who had withdrawn placed it beyond their power to have any voice in the matter. I suggested that a meeting

should be called in order to try and heal the differences ; this was done and the W. M. informs me some have again joined the Lodge, although the larger number have not. I am in hopes that the exercise of judgment and patience may yet produce the desired result.

Fort William Lodge, No. 415 : Twice I had the pleasure of visiting this Lodge.

The first time on the 12th of December, 1888, when I found all the Officers except the W. M. able to do their work very well. The W. M. had been much absent from home and in consequence was not perfect in his work ; since then a new election took place when Bro. F. C. Perry became W. M.

Upon my second visit I found W. Bro. Perry both competent and painstaking, and subordinate Officers capable. Number of meetings, 16 ; average attendance, 14.

Pequonga Lodge, No. 414, Rat Portage : This Lodge I visited Dec. 14th, 1888. W. Bro. Kobold, the W. M., combines a clear head and impressive manner ; therefore, the exemplification of the work—in the second degree—was highly satisfactory. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition. There were present, 32 ; average attendance, 24 ; meetings held, 20.

Keewatin Lodge, No. 417, Keewatin : On the 15th of Dec., 1888, I visited Keewatin Lodge. It has only been in existence about two years, but I found it in a splendid healthy condition ; every Officer, from W. Bro. Warren down, doing his work in a manner which would commend itself to the most careful critic. Two candidates received the third degree. Bro. R. A. Mather, the Secretary, was able to show me a most complete set of books. The Lodge is growing rapidly and gaining good material. Number present, 32 ; number of meetings, 20 ; average attendance, 21.

Shuniah Lodge, No. 287, Port Arthur : Visited on the 8th of Dec., 1888 and the 14th of May, 1889. On both occasions the quality of work done was excellent. The Officers of 1888, those of the present term, being thoroughly conversant with their duties, it is but natural that the Lodge should be prosperous. Meetings held, 24 ; average attendance, 22.

INSURANCE.

All Lodges in this district have their furniture insured.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued ten dispensations for attendance at divine service, etc., during the year.

GRAND MASTER WALKEM.

A very pleasing episode in the history of the year was an official visit from the M. W. the Grand Master, in August of 1888, to Shuniah Lodge, Port Arthur. This was the first visit of a Grand Master to any part of the district, and has been a source of benefit and great gratification to the Craft.

I take this opportunity of thanking my Brethren for the uniform courtesy and consideration I have received from one and all during my term of office.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

S. W. RAY,
D. D. G. M. Algoma District No. 17.

PORT ARTHUR, 1st July, 1889.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WARRANTS.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following .

REPORT :

The Board beg to report as follows :

That while desirous for the dissemination, in every proper way, of the principles of our beloved Order, and the extension among men of that brotherly love and affection inculcated by Freemasonry, the Board are nevertheless constrained, on a deliberate consideration of the whole subject, to congratulate Grand Lodge on the exceptional fact that no dispensations have been granted to new Lodges by the M. W. the Grand Master during the past year.

The Board are of opinion that the strengthening and consolidating of Lodges in many localities are what is needed, and not the multiplication of new Lodges, in or near those centres where Lodges already exist. In many places there are two

Lodges which barely manage to exist—where there is only material for the formation of one strong flourishing Lodge.

The Board would therefore beg leave to suggest that it be a direction of Grand Lodge that in all future applications for dispensations special measures be adopted by the D. D. G. M's to ascertain the condition of Masonry in the Lodges contiguous to the localities for which dispensations may be applied, and that the result of the enquiries be transmitted to the Grand Master with the application.

With reference to the application for the establishment of a Lodge at Jaffa, in Syria, under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge, the Board concur in the opinion expressed by the M. W. the Grand Master, that whatever our right may be it is not expedient for us to establish Lodges in places where they cannot be properly supervised by us.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DONALD ROSS,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON AUDIT AND FINANCE.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, President of the Board of General Purposes, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board, through the Committee on Finance, have audited the books of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and certify to their correctness.

All moneys received by the Grand Secretary have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt acknowledged by that officer. Vouchers have been produced for all pay-

ments made by the Grand Treasurer, as authorized by Grand Lodge.

The Receipts and Expenditure from 1st June, 1888, to 31st May, 1889, have been as follows :—

Receipts.

Cash in Bank 31st May, 1888.....	\$ 9,243 43
Certificates.....	2,347 00
Dues.....	9,453 25
Fees.....	1,351 00
Dispensations.....	82 00
Warrants.....	40 00
Constitutions.....	473 00
Commutations.....	125 00
Interest on General Fund.....	2,632 77
Interest on Asylum Fund.....	333 00
Sundries.....	170 30
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	\$26,250 75

Expenditures.

Grand Secretary's Salary.....	\$ 1,600 00
Assistant " "	800 00
Grand Treasurer's "	200 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	175 00

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES, namely :

Fuel and Light.....	\$ 51 05
Office Cleaning.....	40 40
Express and Cartage.....	18 70
Travelling Expenses.....	17 20
Telegrams.....	16 20
Books and Stationery.....	15 41
Postages.....	241 80
Sundries	11 20
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	\$411 96

Less amount due Grand Secretary... 111 96

 300 00

Grand Secretary balance of Incidentals, 31st	
May, 1888.....	268 08
Allowance to Grand Master for Expenses.....	500 00
R. Duncan & Co., Books and Stationery.....	32 30
Times Printing Co., Proceedings, Constitutions, etc.....	989 51
Buntin, Gillies & Co., Stationery.....	15 63
Copp, Clark & Co., Certificates, etc.....	306 77
Engraving and Printing Masonic Map.....	117 50
G. E. B. Pense, Printing for G. M., 1879....	6 50
M. W. Bro. Klotz, Postages and Expenses as Chairman of Benevolence.....	15 00
Masonic Relief Association U. S. and Canada.	194 50
Expenses Board of General Purposes, <i>re</i> Minister and Langton <i>et al.</i>	116 55
Expenses of Annual Meeting of Board.....	784 55
Premium of Grand Secretary's Bond.....	50 00
Expenses at Meeting of Grand Lodge.....	169 00
Office Furniture, new Stove, etc.....	39 75
W. Bruce, Engrossing Addresses.....	25 25
Presentation to M. W. Bro. Robertson.....	290 00
Insurance on Regalia.....	15 75

BENEVOLENCE :

Orders on Benevolent Fnnd.....	\$9,770 00
Mrs. Wilson.....	300 00
Miss Wilson.....	300 00
Mrs. Harris.....	225 00
Yellow Fever sufferers, Jacksonville.	200 00
	----- 10,795 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce, 31st May, 1889.	8,444 11

	\$26,250 75

The Funds of the Grand Lodge on 31st May, 1889, were as follows :—

London Loan Co., debentures.....	\$10,000 00
Western Canada Loan and Savings Co.,	
debentures.....	10,000 00

Canada Permanent Loan and Savings Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Landed Banking and Loan Co., debentures..	10,000 00
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., debentures.	10,000 00
Huron and Erie Loan and Savings Co., debentures.....	10,000 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	8,444 11
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	\$68,444 11

Which represents the balances at the credit of the following accounts :—

General Fund.....	\$56,686 86
Asylum Fund—Balance 31st May, 1888.....	\$11,424 25
Add interest collected.....	333 00
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	11,757 25
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	\$68,444 11

The Board have examined the following accounts, and finding them correct recommend their payment :—

Times Printing Co., Proceedings, Constitutions, etc.....	\$949 27
Copp, Clark & Co., Certificates, etc.....	474 74
M. W. Bro. Robertson, Foreign Correspondence.....	100 00
Brown Bros., Register.....	10 00
Buntin, Gillies & Co., Stationery.....	4 25
R. Duncan & Co., Books and Stationery....	70 10
Masonic Relief Association, United States and Canada.....	194 50
M. W. Bro. Klotz, Postages, etc., <i>re</i> benevolence.....	15 00
Grand Secretary, Balance of Incidentals, 1889.	111 96
Grand Secretary, Advance for Incidentals....	400 00
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	\$2,329 82

The Board are in receipt of the Certificate from the Manager and Accountant of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, showing

that the Debentures belonging to the Grand Lodge are in the custody of the Bank for safe keeping, and that the balance of \$8,444.11, to the credit of the current account of the Grand Lodge, as at 31st May, 1889, is correct.

As the contract for printing expires during this coming year, the Board recommend that the Grand Secretary ask for tenders for three years, to be submitted to the Board at the next Annual Communication.

In accordance with the recommendation made by the Board last year, the accounts of Grand Lodge have been simplified, so that but two accounts now appear in the Financial Statement, namely, the General Fund and the Asylum Fund; the payments on account of Benevolence appearing in the General Expenditures.

Fraternally submitted,

T. SARGANT,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. Thomas Sargent, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on Audit and Finance be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON BENEVOLENCE.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented the following report:

The Board have had under consideration the several applications for relief, and, after due consideration, recommend that the following appropriations be paid during the ensuing year from the Funds of Benevolence, in two half-yearly payments, namely :—

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
1	Toronto Board of Relief	\$100	Sec.-Treas. Toronto I.B.R.
2	Hamilton	" 100 "	Hamilton "
3	London	" 100 "	London "
4	Ottawa	" 30 "	Ottawa "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
5	Kingston Board of Relief	\$50	Sec-Treas. Kingst'n L.B.R
6	Chatham	" 20	Chatham "
7	Widow of J. K.	10	Toronto "
8	" A. De G....	40	" "
9	" J. P.....	30	" "
10	" W. J.....	30	" "
11	" J. J.....	20	" "
12	" F. N.....	20	" "
13	" J. A.....	10	" "
14	" J. P.....	20	" "
15	" J. McK.....	20	" "
16	" R. R.....	20	" "
17	" J. G.....	20	" "
18	" C. S.....	20	" "
19	" J. M.....	30	" "
20	" A. W. T.....	20	" "
21	" J. G. B.....	30	" "
22	" E. N. M.....	40	" "
23	" J. W. F.....	40	" "
24	" C. G. F.....	30	" "
25	" D. S.....	20	" "
26	" G. W. S.....	40	" "
27	" F. S. B.....	20	" "
28	" J. A. J.....	30	" "
29	" A. J. S.....	30	" "
30	Brother C. W. W.....	50	" "
31	Widow of P. P.....	20	Hamilton "
32	" T. B. H.....	20	" "
33	" J. H. W.....	20	" "
34	" W. S.....	20	" "
35	" W. W. R.....	20	" "
36	" P. S.....	30	" "
37	" W. L.....	20	" "
38	" T. McC.....	20	" "
39	" J. W. P.....	20	" "
40	" J. S. L.....	30	" "
41	" J. McK.....	20	" "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
42	Widow of A. McM.....	20	Sec-Treas. Hamlt'n L.B.R.
43	" J. B.....	20	" " "
44	" T. S.....	30	" " "
45	" W. D.....	20	" " "
46	" G. S.....	20	" " "
47	" J. A. M.....	30	" " "
48	" J. L.....	40	" " "
49	" F. R. B.....	30	" " "
50	Brother C. S.....	50	" " "
51	" J. K.....	50	" " "
52	" A. B.....	40	" " "
53	Widow of T. W.....	20	London " "
54	" LeC.....	10	" " "
55	" T. L.....	20	" " "
56	" A. McI.....	20	" " "
57	" E. J. G.....	20	" " "
58	" A. G.....	40	" " "
59	" G. C.....	20	" " "
60	" J. P.....	20	" " "
61	" W. N. K.....	10	" " "
62	" T. McC. L....	30	" " "
63	" J. W.....	20	" " "
64	" R. S. S.....	20	" " "
65	" T. G. S.....	20	" " "
66	" S. M.....	30	" " "
67	" H. R. B.....	30	" " "
68	" J. H.....	20	" " "
69	" J. O.....	30	" " "
70	" J. R.....	10	" " "
71	" J. E.....	30	" " "
72	" T. E.....	20	" " "
73	" G. B. G.....	20	" " "
74	" H. A. B.....	40	" " "
75	" J. W.....	20	" " "
76	" F. L.....	30	" " "
77	" W. McC.....	20	" " "
78	" W. C.....	30	" " "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
79	Orphans of J. O.....	20	Sec-Treas. London L.B.R.
80	Brother J. B.....	50	" " "
81	Widow of T. S.....	30	" Ottawa "
82	" J. S.....	20	" " "
83	" J. H.....	20	" " "
84	" T. S. S.....	20	" " "
85	" E. C. B.....	30	" " "
86	" J. McK.....	30	" " "
87	" E. P.....	30	" " "
88	" J. W. I.....	20	" " "
89	" W. H. F.....	30	" " "
90	" W. W. H....	40	" " "
91	" P. V.....	40	" " "
92	Brother T. O'N.....	50	" " "
93	Orphans of J. O.....	40	" " "
94	" H. McB.....	30	" " "
95	Widow of T. G. H.....	20	" Kingston "
96	" R. C. B.....	30	" " "
97	" S. H. B.....	30	" " "
98	" J. R. T.....	20	" " "
99	" J. K. O.....	30	" " "
100	" J. K. O.....	20	" " "
101	" W. T.....	30	" " "
102	" W. J.....	40	" " "
103	" R. N.....	10	" " "
104	" D. C.....	30	" " "
105	" W. W. N.....	30	" " "
106	" J. H. B.....	30	" " "
107	" J. J. W.....	20	" " "
108	Orphans of T. P.....	40	" " "
109	" J. D.....	50	" " "
110	" F. E.....	50	" " "
111	Widow of F. R.....	20	" Peterborough "
112	" W. B.....	20	" " "
113	" T. B. M.....	30	" " "
114	" E. T.....	40	" " "
115	" S. W.....	20	" " "
116	" A. E. B.....	20	" " "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
117	Widow of J. J. T.....	20	Sec-Treas. Chatham L.B.R.
118	" M. T. Q.....	20	" " "
119	" R. L.....	20	" " "
120	" D. C.....	30	" " "
121	" J. McP.....	30	" " "
122	" R. N. K.....	30	Guelph "
123	" W. C.....	20	" " "
124	Brother J. E. W.....	50	" " "
125	Orphans of G. McG B... .	10	" " "
126	Louisa, dau. of R. H. L..	20	" " "
127	Widow of S. I.....	20	Stratford "
128	" W. L.....	10	Strathroy "
129	" R. W. M.....	10	" " "
130	" J. B. S.....	30	" " "
131	" H. H.....	20	" " "
132	" J. McN.....	20	" " "
133	" D. Z.....	30	" " "
134	Orphans of J. M. B.....	10	" " "
135	Widow of C. J. E.....	30	Galt "
136	" T. B.....	20	" " "
137	" J. C. S.....	30	" " "
138	" G. G.....	30	" " "
139	" H. R.....	20	Goderich "
140	" M. McP.....	30	" " "
141	" D. McL.....	30	" " "
142	Brother J. S. V.....	50	" " "
143	Widow of T. A.....	40	Barrie "
144	Brother J. B.....	50	" " "
145	Widow of J. F.....	30	Brockville "
146	" H. B. S. W... .	20	" " "
147	" W. W.....	20	" " "
148	Brother E. McN.....	50	" " "
149	Orphans of F. O. C.....	30	" " "
150	Widow of A. S. McI....	10	Owen Sound "
151	" J. T.....	20	W.M. Niagara, 2.
152	" R. H.....	20	" " "
153	" J. C.....	20	Union, 9.

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
154	Widow of F. B.....	20	W. M. Union 9.
155	" N. G.....	30	" "
156	" D. V. P.....	20	" "
157	" N. W. S.....	20	" "
158	" W. D. H.....	20	" Norfolk, 10.
159	" J. B.....	20	" "
160	" A. D.....	20	" "
161	" L. W.....	30	" "
162	Brother J. H.....	40	Moira, 11.
163	Widow of W. D.....	20	True Britons, 14.
164	" J. H.....	30	" "
165	" W. S.....	30	Prince Edward, 18.
166	" J. J. C.....	20	" "
167	" R. L.....	20	St. Francis, 24.
168	Brother J. W. C.....	50	" "
169	Widow of J. McG.....	20	Ontario, 26.
170	" W. J. P.....	30	" "
171	" W. J.....	20	Composite, 30.
172	" H. L. T.....	30	Jerusalem, 31.
173	" A. D.....	30	" "
174	Brother D. K.....	50	" "
175	Widow of W. L.....	30	Amity, 32.
176	" S. W.....	20	" "
177	" M. F.....	10	" "
178	Orphans of S. B.....	20	" "
179	Widow of J. McV.....	20	Thistle, 34.
180	" M. S.....	30	" "
181	" B. N.....	20	Welland, 36.
182	Brother H. T. R.....	50	" "
183	Widow of J. K.....	20	Hiram, 37.
184	" P. S. McK... .	20	" "
185	" J. C. B. G....	40	" "
186	" I. N.....	30	Trent, 38.
187	" J. M.....	20	King Solomon, 43.
188	" D. L. C.....	10	Madoc, 48.
189	" A. G.....	30	Merrickville, 55.
190	" J. L. S.....	30	Durham, 66.

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No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
191	Widow of T. B. C.....	40	W. M. Sterling, 69.
192	" D. C.....	20	" St. James, 73.
193	" A. B.....	20	" "
194	Brother J. I.....	40	" "
195	Widow of W. I. I.....	30	" Faithful Brethren, 77.
196	" J. McK.....	20	" St. John's, 81.
197	" J. B.....	40	" Manito, 90.
198	" R. H.....	20	" "
199	" A. N. B.....	20	" Colborne, 91.
200	" G. G.....	10	" "
201	" J. G. B.....	20	" "
202	" J. M. M.....	20	" "
203	" W. W. T.....	20	" "
204	Orphans of W. R.....	10	" "
205	Brother of J. M.....	50	" Northern Light, 93.
206	" R. F.....	50	" "
207	Orphans of W. J. D.....	20	" "
208	Widow of W. H.....	20	" Sharon, 97.
209	" R. B. C. P.....	20	" "
210	" C. G.....	30	" "
211	" J. C.....	20	" Tuscan, 99.
212	" G. G.....	20	" Valley, 100.
213	" R. B.....	20	" Maple Leaf, 103.
214	" J. F. R.....	30	" "
215	Orphans of S. S.....	20	" St. John's, 104.
216	Widow of J. B. S.....	30	" Burford, 106.
217	Orphans of J. P.....	20	" "
218	" E. W.....	20	" Albion, 109.
219	Widow of J. B. S.....	30	" "
220	Brother P. M.....	40	" "
221	Widow of J. P.....	30	" Central, 110.
222	" T. D. H.....	20	" "
223	" W. A.....	20	" Wilson, 113.
224	" W. S. P.....	20	" "
225	" L. B.....	20	" "
226	" W. P.....	20	" "
227	" J. W. B.....	30	" "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
228	Widow of A. M.	30	W. M. Ivy, 115.
229	" J. H. H.	30	" "
230	" R. B.	30	Cassia, 116.
231	" T. A.	20	Maple Leaf, 119.
232	" M. C.	40	" "
233	" J. G. McT. R. ..	20	" "
234	Orphans of S. J. B.	10	" "
235	Widow of R. N.	20	The Belleville, 123.
236	" J. A. McI....	30	" "
237	" S. C. E.	20	" "
238	Orphans of G. B. F.	20	" "
239	Widow of J. A. P.	20	Cornwall, 125.
240	" T. D.	20	" "
241	" J. R.	30	Golden Rule, 126.
242	" H. O'N.	30	" "
243	" J. H.	10	Rising Sun, 129.
244	Brother J. B.	50	Richardson, 136.
245	Widow of W. C. J.	20	Pythagoras, 137.
246	" W. F. L.	10	" "
247	" R. M.	40	" "
248	" J. J.	30	Lebanon, 139.
249	" S. F.	40	" "
250	" J. K.	20	J. B. Hall, 145.
251	" J. T.	30	Mississippi, 147.
252	" W. A. D.	20	" "
253	" D. T.	30	" "
254	" W. S.	20	Grand River, 151.
255	Brother E. J. H.	20	Simpson, 157.
256	Widow of F. B.	30	Percy, 161.
257	" J. C.	10	" "
258	" J. K.	30	McNab, 169.
259	" W. A. F.	40	Prince of Wales, 171
260	" W. H. C.	30	Oriental, 181.
261	" J. E. D.	30	" "
262	" R. B. W.	30	Prince Albert, 183.
263	" J. H.	20	Scotland, 193.
264	" R. R.	20	Orillia, 192.

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
265	Brother J. T.....	40	W. M. Petrolia, 194.
266	Widow of W. W.....	30	" Madawaska, 196.
267	" C. H.....	20	" St. Thomas, 200.
268	" H. W.....	30	" Leeds, 201.
269	Brother J. D. F.....	50	" Irvine, 203.
270	Widow of F. G.....	30	" Evergreen, 209.
271	Brother I. C. L.....	50	" Craig, 214.
272	" I. C. S.....	50	" Harris, 216.
273	Widow of W. McK.....	20	" Credit, 219.
274	" F. B.....	40	" Zeredatha, 220.
275	Brother D. G. B.....	50	" Marmora, 222.
276	Widow of J. Z.....	20	" Bernard, 225.
277	" W. L.....	40	" "
278	" D. P.....	20	" "
279	" R. S.....	20	" Vienna, 237.
280	" T. F.....	40	" Havelock, 238.
281	" A. K.....	30	" Thistle, 250.
282	" W. P.....	30	" Sydenham, 255.
283	" J. H.....	30	" Oak Branch, 261.
284	" McK. C.....	30	" Cedar, 270.
285	" F. N.....	20	" "
286	" W. S.....	40	" "
287	Brother W. H. H.....	40	" "
288	Widow of A. T.....	40	" Seymour, 272.
289	" J. H.....	20	" New Hope, 279.
290	" S. W.....	40	" "
291	" C. R.....	30	" Lorne, 282.
292	" J. McR.....	20	" "
293	" C. C. B.....	30	" Temple, 296.
294	" J. R. A.....	20	" Victoria, 299.
295	" R. S.....	20	" Mount Olivet, 300.
296	" W. W.....	40	" Blyth, 303.
297	" A. B.....	20	" Minerva, 304.
298	Orphans of J. F. W.....	30	" Humber, 305.
299	Widow of J. S.....	30	" Durham, 306.
300	" J. J. E.....	20	" Morning Star, 309.
301	" G. H. R.....	40	" "

No.	To Whom Granted.	Amount.	Through Whom Payable.
302	Brother J. P.....	50	W. M. Morning Star, 309.
303	Widow of J. M.....	20	" Blair, 314.
304	" D. J. B.....	30	" "
305	" C. L.....	30	" Wilmot, 318.
306	" V. B	20	" "
307	" H. E.....	30	" "
308	" G. O.....	20	" "
309	" E. E. S.....	20	Hiram, 319.
310	" J. A.....	20	Walker, 321.
311	" A. F.....	20	Alvinston, 323.
312	" J. C. McT... .	10	" "
313	" H. P. B.....	30	Occident, 346.
314	" W. R.....	40	Granite, 352.
315	" R. V	20	Brock, 354.
316	Brother J. R. B.....	50	Waterdown, 357.
317	Widow of D. M.....	40	McCall, 386.
318	Brother J. C.....	50	" "
319	Widow of J. W.....	20	Crystal Fountain, 389.
320	" E. A.....	30	Florence, 390.
321	Brother R. M.... .	50	Howard, 391.
322	Widow of J. W.....	30	Huron, 392.
323	" W. S.....	30	Oakville, 400.
324	" A. B.....	40	M.W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, [Montreal.]

The following returns have been received from the Local Boards of Relief, as at 31st May, 1889.

TORONTO.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May,	Grants from Grand Lodge
1888 \$1,281 53	to 30 Pensioners..... \$ 720 00
Direct Grant from Grand	Local Relief..... 186 80
Lodge 100 00	Transient Relief..... 165 05
To 30 Pensioners..... 740 00	Funeral Expenses..... 100 00
Grants from 8 Lodges,	Incidentals 25 60
viz.: 22, 25, 65, 75, 86,	Two Orders returned.... 20 00
218, 316, 410..... 476 40	Other Payments..... 529 20
Other Sources 361 09	Total Expenditure \$1,746 65
	Balance on hand 1,212 37
	\$2,959 02
	\$2,959 02

HAMILTON.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888.....	\$ 526 56
Direct Grant from Grand Lodge	100 00
To 30 Pensioners	760 00
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz.: 6, 324.....	82 45
Other Sources	166 90
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	\$1,635 91
	\$1,635 91

LONDON.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888	\$ 231 00
Direct Grant from Grand Lodge	100 00
To 36 Pensioners.....	860 00
Grants from 5 Lodges, viz.: 42, 64, 195, 209a, 320.....	54 70
Other Sources	270 55
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	\$1,516 25
	\$1,516 25

OTTAWA.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888.....	\$ 93 01
Direct Grant from Grand Lodge.....	30 00
To 13 Pensioners.....	350 00
Grants from 6 Lodges, viz.: 52, 58, 148, 177, 264, 371.....	103 00
Other Sources.....	20 00
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	\$596 01
	\$596 01

KINGSTON.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888.....	\$ 4 06
Direct Grant from Grand Lodge.....	60 00

To 18 Pensioners.....	\$440 00	Funeral Expenses.....	\$99 39
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz: 3, 92.....	228 89	Incidentals.....	1 78
Other Sources.....	20 00	Total Expenditure.....	\$747 67
		Balance on hand.....	5 28
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	\$752 95		\$752 95

PETERBORO'.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888.....	\$ 12 84
Direct Grant from Grand Lodge.....	20 00
To 7 Pensioners.....	170 00
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz: 101, 155.....	20 00
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	\$222 84

CHATHAM.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888	\$ 50 35
To 5 Pensioners	120 00
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	\$170 35

GUELPH.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888	\$ 0 19
To 5 Pensioners	150 00
Grants from 3 Lodges, viz.: 180, 279, 360....	33 50
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	\$183 69

STRATFORD.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888	\$ 1 28
To 1 Pensioner.....	20 00
Grant from 1 Lodge, viz.: 332	16 20
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	\$37 48

ST. THOMAS.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May,	Grants from Grand Lodge
1888..... \$ 9 00	to 1 Pensioner..... \$ 30 00
To 1 Pensioner..... 30 00	Transient Relief..... 2 00
	Incidentals..... 12
	Total Expenditure..... \$ 32 12
	Balance on hand..... 6 88
	\$39 00
	\$39 00

GALT.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May,	Grants from Grand Lodge
1888..... \$ 14 87	to 4 Pensioners..... \$100 00
To 4 Pensioners..... 100 00	Local Relief..... 117 70
Grant from 1 Lodge, viz: 257..... 92 70	Transient Relief..... 1 20
Chapter..... 20 00	Incidentals..... 21
	Total Expenditure..... \$219 11
	Balance on hand..... 8 46
	\$227 57
	\$227 57

STRATHROY.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To 13 Pensioners..... \$230 00	Grants from Grand Lodge
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz: 83, 366..... 50 00	to 13 Pensioners..... \$230 00
Balance due Treasurer... 50	Local Relief..... 5 00
	Funeral Expenses..... 45 00
	Incidentals..... 50
	Total Expenditure..... \$280 50
	\$280 50
	\$280 50

GODERICH.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To 8 Pensioners \$200 00	Grants from Grand Lodge
Grant from 1 Lodge, viz.: 33..... 8 00	to 8 Pensioners \$200 00
	Local Relief..... 8 00
	Total Expenditure \$208 00
	\$208 00
	\$208 00

WINDSOR.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Direct Grant from Grand Lodge.....	Balance due Treasurer... \$ 0 50
\$30 00	Local Relief..... 10 95
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	Total Expenditure \$11 45
	Balance on hand..... 18 55
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\$30 00	\$30 00

WOODSTOCK.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To 7 Pensioners	Balance due Treasurer... \$ 0 56
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz.: 43, 76	Transient Relief 10 50
66 00	Funeral Expenses..... 56 00
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Total Receipts..	Total Expenditure..... \$247 10
Balance due Treasurer... <hr/>	<hr/>
1 10	<hr/>
\$247 10	\$247 10

BARRIE.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888	Grants from Grand Lodge to 2 Pensioners... \$ 90 00
To 2 Pensioners.....	Local Relief..... 20 00
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz: 93, 230.....	Transient Relief..... 25 00
45 00	<hr/>
<hr/>	Total Expenditure..... \$135 00
\$138 35	Balance on hand..... 3 35
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	\$138 35

BROCKVILLE.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888	Grants from Grand Lodge to 2 Pensioners. \$ 80 00
\$ 50 40	Transient Relief..... 8 71
To 2 Pensioners.....	Funeral Expenses..... 28 00
Grants from 2 Lodges, viz: 5, 368.....	<hr/>
72 00	Total Expenditure..... \$116 71
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\$202 40	<hr/>
	\$202 40

OWEN SOUND.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
Balance on hand 31st May, 1888..... \$ 3 45	Grants from Grand Lodge to 2 Pensioners..... \$ 30 00
To 2 Pensioners..... 30 00 _____	Local Relief..... 2 00
Total Receipts..... \$33 45	Transient Relief. 5 00 _____
Balance due Treasurer... 3 55 _____	Total Expenditure..... \$37 00 _____
	\$37 00

The Lodges which by their "return" of grants made by Grand Lodge, and made payable through the Master of the Lodge, show that they have raised money by local contribution, and expended the same for benevolent purposes are the following, viz: No. 9, \$140.10; No. 14, \$40; No. 18, \$72.50; No. 26, \$171.82; No. 31, \$25; No. 32, \$11.50; No. 34, \$35; No. 54, \$5.50; No. 73, \$27.50; No. 81, \$3.50; No. 90, \$75.00; No. 93, \$101; No. 97, \$45; No. 104, \$31; No. 106, \$10; No. 110, \$26; No. 121, \$10.00; No. 123, \$228; No. 139, \$10 00; No. 146, \$10; No. 192, \$38.40; No. 201, \$89; No. 209, \$10; No. 250, \$11; No. 270, \$10; No. 296, \$16.60; No. 304, \$37; No. 306, \$6; No. 314, \$10; No. 318, \$30; No. 352, \$15; No. 357, \$110; No. 390, \$31; No. 400, \$20; amounting in the aggregate to \$1,512.42.

The Lodges which by their "return" of grants made by Grand Lodge, and made payable through the Master of the Lodge, only show the moneys received from Grand Lodge and paid over to the parties to whom such grants were made, but do not show that any money was raised or expended by such Lodges for benevolent purposes, are the following, viz:—Nos. 11, 48, 78, 100, 126, 136, 137, 153, 156, 157, 174, 207, 214, 234, 254, 266, 278, 303, 309, 313, 321, 327, 339, 362, 369, 375, 384, 386, 389, 391, 407.

The Lodges in default of making "return" of grants, as required by rule of Grand Lodge, and in consequence of which default no order for any subsequent grant will be issued until such "return" is made, are the following, viz: For grants made in 1880, No. 94, \$40; No. 353, \$30. For grants made in 1881, No. 179, \$40. For grants made in 1882, No. 159,

\$30; No. 217, \$30. For grants made in 1883, No. 39, \$20; No. 210, \$50; No. 284, \$40. For grants made in 1884, No. 82, \$30; No. 168, \$20; No. 265, \$50. For grants made in 1885, No. 74, \$30; No. 80, \$70; No. 140, \$30; No. 165, \$30; No. 189, \$50. For grants made in 1886, No. 29, \$20; No. 89, \$20; No. 171, \$60; No. 215, \$40; No. 235, \$20; No. 239, \$40; No. 261, \$50; No. 263, \$40; No. 281, \$20; No. 286, \$40; No. 307, \$20; No. 311, \$40; No. 388, \$30; No. 397, \$30. For grants made in 1887, No. 24, \$20; No. 38, \$30; No. 131, \$40; No. 194, \$40; No. 241, \$20; No. 272, \$40; No. 289, \$30; No. 347, \$30.

Among the above Lodges, the following are off the Grand Lodge list, viz:—353, 210, 189, 89 and 281.

For grants made in 1888, No. 11, \$40; No. 48, \$10; No. 78, \$30; No. 100, \$30; No. 126, \$60; No. 136, \$40; No. 137, \$30; No. 153, \$10; No. 156, \$20; No. 157, \$40; No. 174, \$50; No. 214, \$40; No. 234, \$50; No. 254, \$40; No. 266, \$20; No. 278, \$30; No. 303, \$40; No. 309, \$100; No. 313, \$10; No. 327, \$50; No. 339, \$40; No. 369, \$40; No. 375, \$30; No. 384, \$30; No. 386, \$40; No. 389, \$20; No. 391, \$50; No. 407, \$40; amounting in all, for 1888, to \$1,050—and in addition to the above, \$1,300, *to a total of \$2,360*; of which large sum the Board of Benevolence have no evidence that the money ever reached the parties for whom it was granted. This is certainly a very important matter, into which it should be the duty of the several D. D. G. M's to enquire and report thereon to Grand Lodge.

The Board having regard to the fact that Grand Lodge desires the greatest good to the greatest number in the distribution of the Benevolent Fund, and in order to more fully accomplish the object in view, would recommend that, in their opinion, benevolence would be better and more equitably distributed were duplicate forms of application for relief sent to the D. D. G. M's as soon as may be after the session of Grand Lodge.

And that it be made part of the duty of each D. D. G. M., on the occasion of his official visit to the Lodges in his dis-

trict, to ascertain whether any such Lodge intends to apply to Grand Lodge for benevolence, and if so, to see that the forms be properly filled up, and also to get all the information in regard to such cases as may be possible, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary.

When it is impossible for a D. D. G. M. to reach every Lodge in his district, it shall nevertheless be his duty to ascertain whether benevolence is required by such Lodge, and if so, to obtain the fullest information in reference thereto.

The Board find on reference to the Report of the Committee on Benevolence that up to the close of the year 1887 the sum of \$1,310, and for the year 1888 the sum of \$1,050, or a total of \$2,360 is the amount for which Lodges have failed to make returns, and for which large sum the Board have no evidence from the Lodges that the money ever reached the parties to whom it was granted ; and since this is a very important matter, the Board recommend that it shall be made part of the duty of each D. D. G. M. to enquire into the cause of the defaulting Lodges in his district, with a view to have the return duly made and to report thereon to Grand Lodge.

The Board have pleasure in calling attention to the usefulness of affiliation with the General Board of Relief of the United States and Canada. By means of the information received and system pursued by this Association, a large amount of money has been saved to the Craft.

In July, 1888, the Committee rejected 13 applications, being 6 new applications, and 7 applications for renewals amounting to \$150.

In July, 1889, the Committee rejected 42 applications ; of that number 9 were new applicants and 33 were for renewals of grants representing \$700.

The Board recommend that it shall be imperative for every Lodge intending to recommend an application for relief from the funds of benevolence of Grand Lodge, to pass a resolution to that effect in open Lodge, record the same in the minute book, and attach to each application for relief a copy of such

resolution, signed by the Master or presiding Officer and Secretary of the Lodge, and having the seal of the Lodge attached thereto ; and that as to grants which are made payable through the Master of a private Lodge, the Master shall report to the Lodge the receipt of the orders for such grants, and that such information shall be recorded in the minutes of the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted.

OTTO KLOTZ,

Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on Benevolence be received and (subsequently) adopted.

REPORT ON THE CONDITION OF MASONRY.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board having perused the reports of the D. D. G. M's, of sixteen out of the seventeen districts comprising Grand Lodge, have great pleasure in congratulating that body on their choice of representatives in the various districts. The work done by these brethren cannot be over estimated. The time and attention which they have devoted to their work, the skill and ability displayed by them in advancing and popularizing the cause of Masonry, as well as the conscientious and honest work performed, entitle them to your gratitude and love. The various reports display great care in their preparation, and with a couple of exceptions contain valuable information, enabling the Board to easily ascertain the progress made by the craft during the past year. The Board, without wishing to make complaints, would respectfully impress on District Masters the absolute necessity of forwarding their reports to the Grand Secretary within the time allotted to them by the Constitution.

The strict observance of this rule will materially aid the members of the Board in presenting a faithful record of the doings of the Craft, which cannot be attempted when some of the reports are not received until the meeting of the Board.

No report has been received from (North Huron) District No. 5. This is to be greatly regretted, as Grand Lodge will be without any information concerning the position occupied by Masonry therein.

On account of the general meagreness of the report from (Wilson) District No. 6, the Board cannot judge of the condition of Masonry, except to copy the general statement contained therein, viz:—"Most of the Lodges are in good financial condition and a great many members have been admitted during the year." It is, however, clear that the Brother has visited only a few Lodges. It is to be regretted that the elimination of a portion of the report from (Prince Edward) District No. 13, should cause the absence of detailed information this year. We trust that no complaint will again be made on this heading.

The Board are enabled to congratulate Grand Lodge on the prosperity it enjoys in this fair Province.

Great credit for the same is due to the several D. D. G. M's, who have put forth their best efforts in the cause of Masonry, as well as to the visits made during the year to the several Districts by the M. W. the Grand Master and the R. W. the Deputy Grand Master. These visits have been productive of much good, while the instruction received by the Craft from these able Brethren has awakened new life in Masonry. Grand Lodge should congratulate itself in possessing two Brethren who are willing to devote their ability, their means and time in spreading the blessed Gospel of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Doubly so, when it is stated that the D. G. M. travelled over 8,000 miles, held 40 meetings and addressed over 5,000 Brethren.

OFFICIAL VISITS.

The Board are pleased with the attention given by D. D.

G. M's to the work laid out for them by Grand Lodge. In Districts Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 16 and 17, all the Lodges were visited, while in Districts 9, 10, 14 and 15, all were visited with a few exceptions. This record speaks volumes for the fidelity of these Brethren.

LODGES THAT ARE RETROGRADING.

The Board regret that unfavorable reports on Lodges have been received from nine districts. In Wilson District it will be noticed that Ridout, No. 95, Otterville, is again reported against. No meetings were held and no returns have been made for years. An amalgamation with St. John's, 104, Norwich, is advisable. Langton, 335, Langton, has had no regular meeting for three years. A number of Brethren are in arrears for dues, and the young Brethren have not yet received their certificates. The Board recommend a withdrawal of this Charter. Complaint is made against Ayr, 172. The coming D. D. G. M. should look into the affairs of this Lodge, and if there is no discernable improvement the Charter should be withdrawn. The affairs of Seven Star, 285, also require attention. The Officers of St. John, 340, have not as yet been installed. The D. D. G. M. should impress on them a sense of their duty.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The Board regret that with the exception of Ontario District No. 12 no Lodges of Instruction have been held during the year. This is to be regretted, as it is one of the elements in producing uniformity in the work. The several District Masters have, however, given the requisite instruction during their official visits. In view of the fact that a W. M. was unable to open his Lodge, some wise legislation should be formulated with reference to the qualification of aspirants for the East. A certificate of competency from a D. D. G. M. should be insisted on before an installation can take place. None but qualified Brethren should be placed in power, as the welfare of the Lodge is in their keeping.

The D. D. G. M. from London District reports that objections were raised in St. George's, No. 42, London, to the lec-

tures which it has been his custom to deliver in every Lodge in the district, and which lectures, he states, are different from those laid down by Grand Lodge. The Board cannot express an opinion without receiving further information. The worthy Brother is to be commended for imparting to the Brethren his store of Masonic knowledge, but if these lectures are represented to be authorized by Grand Lodge, or intended to take the place of those laid down in the ceremonies, then the Board would suggest that a close observance of the Constitution and rulings are at all times necessary and desirable.

COLLECTION OF DUES.

The reports of the various D. D. G. M's are of great interest on this question. The suggestion and advice therein given should be adopted by every Lodge in the Jurisdiction. Brethren, conduct your Lodges on business principles, otherwise you will be certain to reap the whirlwind. Grand Lodge places in your power the necessary legislation to rid yourselves of the "barnacles" which you find in most of your Lodges. Avail yourselves of it. But the Board would respectfully point out that an efficient Secretary attached to each Lodge, who will collect the dues on commission instead of a stated salary, will materially aid in settling this vexed and important question.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board view with pleasure that Lodges throughout the country are amalgamating in the formation of Benevolent Boards, and that considerable attention is given to the proper working of the same. Also, that much credit is given to the warning circulars, issued by the Masonic Board of Relief of the United States and Canada. These circulars have been the means of saving to the Craft thousands of dollars, thus enabling the deserving needy to be assisted, while tramps and frauds are, on their arrival, welcomed as old acquaintances and presented with the "warning circular."

DISPENSATIONS.

The attendance of Masons at divine service, on the festival of St John, receives prominent notice in the various reports.

The attention of D. D. G. M's is, however, drawn to the Constitution, wherein will be found the objects for which they may grant dispensations. Some of the District Masters have disregarded the warnings on this point, contained in last year's report, and have granted dispensations for "At Homes," and to change the night of meeting of a Lodge, which is beyond their power.

EXPENSES OF D. D. G. M'S.

The Board regret that in several of the districts the expenses of the District Masters have not been paid. Surely this must have been an oversight on the part of the Lodges, as their liability for the same is governed by Clause 178 of the Constitution, to which the earnest attention of the Craft is invited. The dignity and manhood of the Grand Lodge representatives must not be allowed to suffer by actions reported by one of the D. D. G. M's.

HARMONY IN THE LODGES.

It is with pleasure the Board note that, with a few exceptions, prosperity, peace and harmony are enjoyed by all the Lodges.

ATTENDANCE AT LODGE MEETINGS.

It is gratifying to note the general improvement in the attendance of members at Lodge meetings. In order to increase the attendance greater efforts should be made in providing literary entertainment for the members. If you wish to attract men of intelligence and intellectuality to your meetings it is necessary to provide literary treats that will be entertaining and instructive. You cannot expect men to leave comfortable firesides, or to forsake the numerous attractions of life, for the sake of spending an evening in a Lodge where the presiding Officer has no higher ambition than to initiate a candidate, or to call on the S. W. for the next order of business. On the roll of each Lodge can be found men who are fully qualified to prepare papers on the numerous interesting subjects with which Masonry abounds. Make an effort therefore in this direction and you will have the best men in the community knocking at your doors for admission.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

The Board consider that sufficient attention is not given by the members to this important part of our system. This portion of the work is usually allotted to Past Masters, who, in some cases, have grown rusty on important points of our ceremonies. It is advisable that the rank and file of a Lodge should take part in these proceedings, and for that purpose the W. M. should instruct the members on Lodge nights in the proper mode to conduct such examinations.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION.

In order that your Board may be enabled to secure reliable information, on which to base their report on the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction, they deem it essentially necessary to ask Grand Lodge to instruct the D. D. G. M's to confine their statistical information regarding their respective Lodges to the appended form, which we recommend to be printed and distributed by Grand Lodge.

THE FRATERNAL DEAD.

The Board are again called upon to record the inroads made in our ranks by the Angel of Death. The list this year is unusually large, and contains the names of Brethren who were loved for their virtues and exemplary conduct ; who were wise in Council, and zealous in the cause of Masonry, and who occupied prominent and responsible positions in the gift of the people. Our hearts go out in sorrow to the many afflicted homes. Our sympathies are extended to the sorrowing widow and fatherless children. Brethren, have we not a duty to perform ? We are taught that Masonry "comforts the mourner, speaks peace and consolation to the troubled spirit ; carries relief and gladness to the habitations of want and destitution, and dries the tears of the Widow and Orphan." Let us, therefore, who are enjoying the benefits of Masonry never forget the duties we owe to the Order. Let us also bear in mind, that although we are now enjoying the blessings of health and are permitted to give one another the warm grasp of hand, in a few short days "the pitcher may be broken at

the fountain and the wheel broken at the cistern," and the Brethren may be dropping the sprig of evergreen over our graves. Let us therefore remember that :

" Death hath made no breach
In love and sympathy, in hope and trust ;
No outward sign or sound our ears can reach ;
But there's an inward spiritual speech
That greets us still, though mortal tongues be dust."

" It bids us do the work that they laid down,
Take up the song where they broke off the strain ;
So journeying till we reach the heavenly town,
Where are laid up our treasures and our Crown
And our lost loved ones will be found again."

Of the many who have passed "To the Beyond," one kind face is missed at this Communication, one honest, God-fearing man will no more join in our deliberations. He was loved by all who knew him. No worthy distressed person ever called on him and came away empty handed. We refer to V. W. Bro. Henry Bickford, who at the time of his death was Mayor of the Town of Dundas, whose death is not only a loss to Grand Lodge, but to the community in which he was a shining leader. Farewell, Brother ! May you enjoy in the Grand Lodge above the rewards which your good works entitle you to. We will emulate your noble qualities, and keep your memory fresh and green in our hearts.

" But strew his ashes to the wind,
Whose sword or voice has served mankind ;
And is he dead, most glorious mind
Lifts thine on high ?
To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die."

The Board fraternally recommend the placing of memorial pages in our records to the memory of R. W. Bros. T. B. Bain, J. S. Loomis, David Curtis, A. G. Macdonnell, C. D. Macdonnell and V. W. Bros. Henry Bickford, C. Doebler and Robert Robinson.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

E. T. MALONE,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved,—That the report of the Board on the Condition of Masonry be received and (subsequently) adopted.

Appendix to Report on Condition of Masonry.

Returns to be filled up by the W. M. of each Lodge for the information of the D. D. G. M., showing the standing of the Lodge for one year, ending 1st July, 1888 :

1. Number of Lodge.
2. Name of Lodge.
3. Location.
4. Membership .
 - (a) Total number of all members.
 - (b) Increase during year.
 - (c) Decrease during year.
5. Degrees conferred :
 - (a) E. A.
 - (b) F. C.
 - (c) M. M.
6. Affiliations.
7. Restorations.
8. Resignations.
9. Suspensions N. P. D.
10. Suspensions for other causes.
11. Deceased.
12. Meetings held :
 - (a) Regular.
 - (b) Emergent.
 - (c) Total.
13. Average attendance of members.
14. Amount paid for relief.
15. Number of members over twelve months in arrear.
16. Total of all arrearages.
17. Up to what date have Grand Lodge returns been sent in ?

18. State of Lodge financially.
 19. Prospects of Lodge.
 20. Can W. M. work all the degrees?
 21. Insurance.
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REPORT ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board of General Purposes have had before them the following cases of grievances and appeals, all of which have been considered, and the conclusions arrived at are embodied in the report in detail upon each case as follows:

<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">In the matter of</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">PRINCE EDWARD LODGE,</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">No. 18,</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">and</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">BRO. SAMUEL WHITNEY.</div>	<div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">At the last Communication</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">of Grand Lodge it was ordered</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">that Bro. Whitney be sum-</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">moned to show cause, at the</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, why he should</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">not be expelled from the Craft.—(See G. L. P. 1888, page 176).</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Bro. Whitney has been duly summoned by letter, addressed</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">to his last known place of residence, but has failed to appear</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">in obedience to said summons. The Board, therefore, recom-</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">mend that Bro. Whitney be expelled from the Craft.</div>
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<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">In the matter of</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">BRO. ISAAC B. JOHNSON,</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">and</div> <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; padding-bottom: 5px;">DORIC LODGE, No. 316.</div>	<div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Bro. Johnson appeals against</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">the ruling of the Acting Mas-</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">ter of Doric Lodge, No. 316,</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">upon a ballot for the election of W. M. of said Lodge, taken</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">on the 15th day of November, A. D. 1888. Bro. Johnson</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">claiming that he should have been declared elected on the</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">first ballot; there having been cast for him 36 ballots out of</div> <div style="border-left: 1px solid black; padding-left: 10px; margin-bottom: 5px;">72 members present; two ballots having been declared <i>bad</i>.</div>
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The Board recommend that, whereas, in the election of W. M. a majority of the votes *present* is necessary to a choice; therefore, the decision of the acting Master of said Lodge, No. 316, be sustained and that Bro. Johnson's appeal be dismissed.

In the matter of
JERUSALEM LODGE, No. 31,
and
STEVENSON LODGE, No. 218. } Jerusalem Lodge complains
that Stevenson Lodge improperly initiated one W. C. Wells,
who, at the time of his initiation resided within the jurisdiction of said Jerusalem Lodge.

The Board find that Bro. Wells was improperly initiated by Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, and recommend that said Lodge, No. 218, be required to pay to Grand Lodge the sum of ten dollars and to Jerusalem Lodge, No. 31, the balance of the initiation fee paid by Bro. Wells.

In the matter of
CASSIA LODGE, No. 116,
and
BRO. PARSONS. } In this case Bro. Parsons is
said to have been found guilty
by the Courts of counterfeit-
ing and committed to the Penetentiary. He was also suspended
by his Lodge and recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion.

The Board find that Bro. Parsons was suspended by said Lodge, No. 116, without due trial, and would therefore recommend that the matter be referred back to Cassia Lodge, with instructions to charge and try Bro. Parsons in accordance with Masonic Law.

In the matter of
BERNARD LODGE No. 225,
and
BLYTHE LODGE, No. 303. } Bernard Lodge, No. 225,
complains that Blythe Lodge,
No. 303, did improperly initiate
one J. A. Tanner, a teacher residing in Listowel, within
the jurisdiction of said Bernard Lodge.

In this case the Board find that, although Bro. Tanner's

property is in Blythe, that his mother and sister, apparently his only relatives,* reside there and that it may, in a sense, be said to be his home; still he had been residing as a teacher in Listowel, within the jurisdiction of Bernard Lodge, for some sixteen months immediately preceding his initiation, and therefore ought not to have been initiated by Blythe Lodge, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

The Board recommend that Blythe Lodge, be required to pay over to Bernard Lodge, the amount of Bro. Tanner's initiation fee.

In the matter of THE BOARD OF RELIEF OF CITY OF TORONTO, and ORILLIA LODGE, No. 192.	In this case V. W. Bro. Patterson, Secretary of the Board of Relief of the City of Toronto, complains that
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Orillia Lodge has refused to pay the cost of the funeral of our late Bro. F. G. Smith, at one time a member of that Lodge, after having, as Bro. Patterson claims, promised to do so.

The Board find, after having read all the correspondence produced, and having heard the parties interested, that there is no evidence of Orillia Lodge having promised to pay the funeral expenses of our late Bro. Smith: and, therefore, the complaint of V. W. Bro. Patterson must be dismissed.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

L. H. HENDERSON,
Chairman of Sub-Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, and

Resolved—That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

Subsequently it was moved by R. W. Bro. John Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson,

That the Report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be adopted.

In amendment it was moved by W. Bro. R. Cuthbert, seconded by W. Bro. John Patton,

That that portion of the Report referring to Stevenson Lodge, No. 218, be struck out.

The amendment was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

The original resolution was then put to Grand Lodge and declared *carried*.

REPORT ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, when it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

Subsequently M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson presented the following supplementary

REPORT :

An application has been received from a Lodge at Hertză, in Roumania, setting forth, that in Roumania there is no existing Grand Body, and asking that the members should be constituted as a Lodge, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada.

They give no information as to their former allegiance, nor do they state under what authority they became a Lodge, and details are also wanting as to their present state, or the particular reasons for desiring a warrant from us.

The Board are of opinion that it would not be desirable to act in this matter without further information, and while fully appreciating and acknowledging the compliment paid in the request, would recommend that the application be declined.

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,
Chairman Sub-Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, and

Resolved,—That the Supplementary Report of the Board on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

FEE FOR INITIATION.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. Wm. Simcaton, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. Quigg,

That Clause 136 in the Book of Constitution be amended to read as follows: 136. No private Lodge shall make a Mason for a less consideration than twenty-five dollars, such sum to include a Master Mason's apron, upon his receiving that degree, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. This is not to extend to the making of a person who is to be a serving brother, who may be initiated without payment of any fee, provided that a dispensation from the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master be first obtained.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

RITUAL.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. J. H. Burritt, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. C. Hegler,

That Clause 144 in the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the following words: "Unless such Lodge can show to the Grand Master that it is entitled to continue the work in any other form as a condition of its having submitted to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge."

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge and declared *lost*.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet again on Thursday, the 18th July, at 10 o'clock, forenoon.

THURSDAY, 18th July, A. D. 1889.

The Grand Lodge resumed labor at 10.30 a. m.

Present—M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C., Grand Master, on the Throne ; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES.

R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, on behalf of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Committee on the Credentials of Representatives to this Grand Lodge beg to report that there are 354 Lodges on the Grand Register ; 146 Lodges are represented by their duly qualified Officers ; 117 are represented by proxy ; 6 Lodges are unrepresented, but in each case one or more Past Masters have registered ; and 85 Lodges are totally unrepresented for the purposes of voting. There are 485 duly qualified Representatives, having a total vote of 1080.

The Committee desire to express their satisfaction at the arrangements made for them by the local Brethren, which by their completeness greatly facilitated the work of registering.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

R. B. HUNGERFORD,	}	<i>Committee.</i>
JOHN WALSH,		
GEO. INGLES,		

It was moved by R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, seconded by R. W. Bro. John Walsh, and

Resolved,—That the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives and Proxies be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The M. W. the Grand Master appointed the following scrut-

tineers of the ballot for Grand Officers, and elective members of the Board of General Purposes, viz.:—W. Bros. John Newton, W. H. Adams, John Hoodless, Wm. Forbes, D. F. Macwatt. G. J. Scott, Wm. McKay, Le. F. A. Maingy, R. W. Stephen, S. Stewart, Geo. C. Davis and Alfred Poulter.

The scrutineers having reported, the following Brethren were declared duly elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term, viz:—

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C.,	Kingston,	Grand Master.
R. " "	J. Ross Robertson,	Toronto, Deputy Grand Master.
" " "	James McLaughlan,	Owen Sound, Grand Senior Warden.
" " "	Michael Walsh,	Ingersoll, Grand Junior Warden.
" " "	Rev.D.Armstrong,D.D.,	Moore, Grand Chaplain.
" " "	E. Mitchell,	Hamilton, Grand Treasurer.
" " "	F. M. Morson,	Toronto, Grand Registrar.
" " "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton, Grand Secretary.

And by an open vote of Grand Lodge,
Bro. E. Ball, Kingston, Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

The following Brethren were nominated by the Representatives of Lodges as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and were approved by the M. W. the Grand Master, viz, :—

R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke,	Essex Centre, Erie	Dis. No. 1
" " " J. P. Whitehead,	Strathroy, St. Clair	" " 2
" " " W. B. Doherty,	St. Thomas, London,	" " 3
" " " W. G. Duff,	Seaforth, South Huron	" " 4
" " " R. C. Bruce,	Tara, North Huron	" " 5
" " " D. H. Hunter,	Woodstock, Wilson	" " 6
" " " David Forsyth,	Berlin, Wellington	" " 7
" " " John Malloy,	Hamilton, Hamilton	" " 8
" " " T. McCarroll,	Meaford, Georgian	" " 9
" " " Wm. Jaques, M. D.	Jarvis, Niagara	" " 10
" " " Wm. Roaf,	Toronto, Toronto	" " 11
" " " W. R. Howse,	Whitby, Ontario	" " 12
" " " P. J. Lightburne,	Cobourg, Pr. Edward	" " 13
" " " H. J. Wilkinson,	Kingston, Frontenac	" " 14
" " " W. H. Jackson,	Brockville, St. Lawrence	" " 15
" " " David Barr,	Renfrew, Ottawa	" " 16
" " " D. T. Ferguson,	Rat Portage, Algoma	" " 17

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

The scrutineers having reported, the following brethren were declared duly elected members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz :—

R. W. Bro.	F. C. Martin,	Woodstock.
" "	J. F. H. Gunn,	Walkerton.
" "	David McLellan,	Hamilton.
V. "	L. Secord, M. D.,	Brantford.
R. "	J. E. Harding,	Stratford.

Subsequently, the Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz :—

R. W. Bro.	Henry Macpherson,	Owen Sound.
" "	Donald Ross,	Picton.
" "	J. H. Burritt,	Pembroke.
" "	L. H. Henderson,	Belleville.
" "	Henry Jennings,	Penetanguishene.

NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

On motion, it was resolved that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at the City of Kingston.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

R. W. Bro. David McLellan, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, presented his Credentials, which were accepted and the Representative saluted with Grand Honors.

REPORT ON ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, on behalf of the Board, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Board welcome the address of the M. W. the Grand Master as an able, concise and satisfactory reviewal, that will be received with pleasure by the Grand Lodge, will enhearten and stimulate the active membership and quicken the flagging zeal of those who are indifferent in this jurisdiction.

The Board recognize in the success which has attended our

institution since its foundation, the guiding hand of Him, to whom the inner thoughts of all are known, and are thankful that by His favor we again greet our Royal Solomon and those also who compose a happy, united and zealous band of Craftsmen.

The Board concur in the expression of your Grand Master that all our duties should be determined and discharged on the broad lines of the fullest justice, and our endeavors should be to gain an inspiration that will guide us in promoting the welfare and happiness of not only the Craft but of all mankind.

The Board unite with the Grand Master in his allusion to the legislation which may amend our present code of Laws, and feel that the excellent manner in which our administrative system has worked is an indication that care should be exercised in alteration or amendment. Experimental legislation is rarely productive of the best results. At the same time the Board appreciate and recognize the existence of Grand Lodge as a deliberative organization, with the fullest capacity for self-government, and possessing an ability to guide the Craft and frame laws that will strengthen the work in its various branches.

The Board express the hope that the position of Grand Lodge as an exemplar of harmony and contentment, in its relations within and without the jurisdiction, may long be maintained, and re-echo the declaration of the Grand Master that we have great reason to congratulate ourselves upon the continuance of this eminently happy condition.

The Board feel that the Executive of Grand Lodge has administered its affairs in an efficient manner, and that the soft-handed charity of the Craft hand has, in its dispensation, been free and comfort giving.

The Board sorrow as the Grand Master inscribes the worthy names of those who have passed to that haven of us all. It is but fitting that our memorial record should bear a kindly remembrance of the days they were with us and the work they accomplished.

The Board congratulate the Grand Lodge not only on the close attention given to the routine duties of his office by the Grand Master, but also upon the series of official visits paid to different parts of the jurisdiction. These visits have been productive of much good. The Craft has been edified, enlightened and instructed. The generous and friendly calls thus paid confirm the view of your Board that the quickened zeal and interest awakened thereby must result in firing the Craft-heart with a realization of the truth that we are but yet in the youth of Craft work, and that if we hasten wisely onward we must advance in thought and knowledge.

The Board agree with the Grand Master in his reference to the system pursued in foreign jurisdictions, by which lectures on the principles of the Order and kindred subjects are given at Lodge meetings. The offering of such addresses would impart new interest to meetings, induce attention, and so vary their routine of work and Lodge duties that members would be attracted rather than repelled from the Craft fold.

The Board warmly approve of the suggestion of the Grand Master in connection with the daughter of the late V. W. Bro. John Dean, who for so many years in the early days of Masonry did herculean work for the cause, that she should have a little sunshine let into her declining life by a grant from the funds of Grand Lodge. The re-organization of the craft in early days was in a great part due to the untiring energy of Brother John Dean.

The Board regret that the Grand Master is only able to note the assembling of one Lodge of Instruction during the year. Such meetings are beneficial not only in connection with the esoteric work, but useful as a means of information upon matters immediately associated with Lodge government.

The Board hope that the Grand Master may be enabled to carry to a successful issue his mission in connection with the differences between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and that of England.

The Board recognize the wisdom of the Grand Master in

declining to encourage multiplication of Lodges. The creation of new Lodges is not an indication of healthy growth ; and, with thirty-three years of experience (which is an excellent teacher, even if the charges are exorbitant), the Board approve of the view taken by the Grand Master. There are to-day sections in the jurisdiction that have suffered from undue multiplication of Lodges ; and in many instances, if the suggestions of the Grand Master were now carried out, great good would be accomplished. Amalgamation has revived Masonry in not a few districts. The application from distant Syria for a warrant should have been made nearer home. The case must be singular before we venture to allow our warrants to run in tropical climes far beyond the kindly eye of a District Deputy Grand Master.

The Board recognize the courtesy which dictates invitations for craft aid in the erection of places for the worship of the Grand Architect, and see this work as one that is peculiarly in sympathy with the teachings of Masonry.

The Board rejoice that a goodly list of dedications and consecrations of craft halls is recorded in the Grand Master's address. The erection of temples, consecrated to our work, should be the primal effort in all centres where it can be done with a due regard to economy.

The Board feel that there is much weight in the suggestion of the Grand Master, that in all questions of craft dispute the District Deputy Grand Master should first be asked for advice rather than the highest authority. To pass these Officers over in seeking information is to say the least unfraternal. These Officers having the charge of districts, are generally well skilled and well informed, and in giving decisions are judicious and thoughtful, and where grave doubt exists, as a general rule, they are fortified with counsel which may be relied upon.

The Board favor the opinion of the Grand Master with regard to the qualification of candidates, and think that a liberal construction should be placed upon the requirements which we demand of the initiate.

The Board deem worthy of the highest consideration the work of the Grand Master with respect to the compilation of the laws for the government of subordinate Lodges. That the Lodges in passing By-laws should exercise care and discretion is to be strongly commended. As a rule the constitution covers the main points connected with Lodge government, and By-laws may be passed which do not clash with the code of Grand Lodge, and at the same time not be of such an unduly scrutinizing character as may lead to violation. While the rights of private members ought to be protected, an endeavor should be always made to do the greatest amount of good with the least possible legislation. Lodges should bear in mind that the selection of auditors is made by the voice of the Lodge, and that while the naming of all committeees is the prerogative of the W. M., conception that he can take part in their deliberations is foreign to the freedom of thought and action that, if otherwise, might prejudice his views as presiding Officer.

The Board approve of the recognition of the newly formed jurisdictions of New South Wales, Victoria and North Dakota, and trust Grand Lodge will bid welcome with fraternal greeting these Grand Lodges as new links in the chain of a great Brotherhood.

The Board express pleasure in the selection of ardent Craftsmen like R. W. Bros. J. B. Trayes and David McLellan, in filling the office of representatives of this jurisdiction, near the Grand Lodges of Delaware and Illinois respectively. The suggestion that Brethren should only hold a limited number of appointments, the Board think would conduce to increase the interest of the work. The positions are of an honorary character and acceptable as evincing an interchange of good will and fraternity, and as they are few in number and much esteemed, Brethren should restrain their anxiety to monopolize these positions and share the honors with those who by merit are entitled to recognition.

The Board are gratified at the reference made to the distribution of the Benevolent Fund, and feel assured that under

the careful management of M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz and the Committee on Benevolence, the best endeavors are used to apportion the fund to those whom it is our pride to think have a claim upon us. Your Board feel that the annual allowance to the beneficiaries of Grand Lodge has been productive of much good, and that by this and the bounty of subordinate Lodges, the sunless homes of widows and orphans have been brightened and gladdened. In order that our gifts may be well and wisely administered, reliable information is in all cases essential, and every means should be taken to secure it.

The Board are in sympathy with the Grand Master in his prompt and generous donation from this Grand Lodge to our stricken Brethren in Florida.

The Board agree with the Grand Master that the excellent report on Foreign Correspondence, by our M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, is a valuable addition to craft literature, an epitome in pleasant form that puts the reader in touch with the progress of craft life all over the world.

The Board value the suggestion of the Grand Master, that the important business of selecting a place of meeting should be determined early in the session of Grand Lodge, when we have a large representation of the Brethren with us. Heretofore this order of business has been relegated to the closing hours of the Communication, and past experience leads to the belief that the full voice of Grand Lodge should be heard on a question which is yearly becoming more important in view of the gathering strength of the governing body.

The Board rejoice with the Grand Master in the assurance that the District Deputy Grand Masters and the Executive Officers of the Craft have discharged their duties as men who delight in the work entrusted to their care.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
Chairman of Sub-Committee on the Grand Master's Address.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Board on the Address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be received and adopted.

BUSINESS IN THIRD DEGREE.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by W. Bro. C. C. Robinson, seconded by W. Bro. R. Cuthbert,

That hereafter, all business, except that of balloting for candidates, initiating and passing, be transacted in Warranted Lodges in the Third Degree.

The resolution was put to Grand Lodge, was voted upon by ballot, and was declared *lost*.

RESPECTING REJECTED APPLICANTS.

In accordance with notice given at the last Annual Communication, it was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved,—That where two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Lodge to notify the other Lodge or Lodges of every rejected application, giving the name, residence and occupation of the rejected applicant.

RULES RELATING TO BENEVOLENCE AMENDED.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, and

Resolved,—That Rule 5 (relating to Benevolence) of Appendix A to the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the word "July" and inserting instead the word "June."

CENTENNIAL OF MASONRY IN CANADA.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, and

Resolved,—That whereas the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Masonry in Canada occurs in the year 1892, and whereas, in view of our national and Masonic importance, an event of such historic moment to the Craft in this country should be fittingly observed throughout the Dominion, and that ample time be per-

mitted for the preparation necessary to the successful carrying out so important an undertaking, be it therefore

Resolved,—That the M. W. the Grand Master herewith appoint a Committee to take into consideration the best means of celebrating Canada's Masonic Centennial, and to report the result of their deliberations to Grand Lodge at next Annual Communication, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the several Grand Lodges interested.

SPECIAL BENEVOLENT GRANTS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. Sargent, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

Resolved,—That the three special grants of Benevolence voted by Grand Lodge be transferred to the control of the Committee on Benevolence.

REPORT *Re* TESTIMONIAL TO M. W. BRO. ROBERTSON.

R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, on behalf of the Committee on the presentation of a Testimonial to M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Past Grand Master, presented and read the following

REPORT :

The Committee appointed by Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication to procure and present a suitable testimonial to M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high and responsible office during the past two years as Grand Master, respectfully report :—

That they have complied with the directions of Grand Lodge and procured a suitable testimonial, which was presented to M. W. Bro. Robertson at a large and representative meeting of the Craft in the Town of Collingwood, (the place of residence of M. W. Bro. Robertson), on the 6th Feb., 1889; on which occasion there were in attendance the principal residents of the town, who are Freemasons, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Monkman., D. D. G. M. of the Georgian District, R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, and other leading Masons. The presentation took place under the auspices of Manito Lodge, No. 90; and the Committee desire to thank the members of

that Lodge for the excellent arrangements made for making the occasion one of more than usual interest to Freemasonry, and shewing that M. W. Bro. Robertson was as much respected by his fellow-townsmen as by the Fraternity, and that while the Grand Lodge did honor to him, he did not require such a testimonial to shew his good standing in the community, nor such a certificate of the respect and esteem in which he is held.

The presentation was accompanied by the following address suitably engrossed :—

**GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
OF CANADA, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO.**

To the M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, L. L. B., Past Grand Master:

As Masons we are taught to give honor to whom honor is due, and to evince our approbation and appreciation of the meritorious services of him who deserves well of the Fraternity at large.

It is our pleasing duty, on behalf of the Grand Lodge and representing over twenty thousand of your Brethren, to mark in some tangible manner the respect, love and admiration in which you are held.

For years you have laboured zealously and faithfully in the interest of Grand Lodge, filling several important positions therein, and for the last two years presiding over our deliberations in the capacity of Grand Master, a position accorded to you by the unanimous voice of your Brethren.

For the exalted position which the Craft occupies in this our loved Province; for our increased and increasing prosperity; and for the knowledge possessed by our Brethren of the landmarks, usages and regulations of the Fraternity, we are largely indebted to you as a Masonic Jurist, and are under obligations which we never can forget.

The affairs of Grand Lodge prospered under your sway; you presided over our deliberations with skill and ability, whilst your invariable courtesy, your kind and loving words of counsel and your impartial rulings have endeared you to the hearts of all your Brethren.

In order that your learning and experience should be kept continually before the Craft, your Brethren at the last meeting of Grand Lodge decided that the Report on Foreign Correspondence should be resumed, and unanimously elected you Chairman of the Committee.

We feel satisfied that you will be enabled to discharge the duties of that office with honor and reputation, and lay up for yourself a crown of joy and rejoicing, which shall never fade away but shall continue when time shall be no more. The task thus allotted to you is of the utmost import-

ance. Remember that from your pen influences may flow which may stimulate and enlighten the whole Masonic world. Bear always in mind that :—

Our many deeds, the thoughts that we have thought,
They go out from us strangling every hour ;
And in them all is folded up a power
That on the earth doth move them to and fro ;
And mighty are the marvels they have wrought
In hearts we know not and may never know.

It is our pleasing duty, on behalf of the Brethren, to request your acceptance of the accompanying testimonial, and may it be the means in after years of reminding you of the love and feelings which now animate us. May you be long spared to aid and assist in the propagation of these principles which are so dear to us ; and may Heaven's choicest gifts be showered on you and your loved family.

R. T. WALKEM,
Grand Master.

J. J. MASON,
Grand Secretary.



DANIEL SPRY,
E. T. MALONE,
DAVID MCLELLAN, } Committee.

To which M. W. Bro. Robertson made the following reply :

To M. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, and to R. W. Bros. E. T. Malone and David McLellan :

MY DEAR BRETHREN :—To reply in suitable terms to the very complimentary expressions in your address is, to me, a difficult task. I cannot claim that I deserve the encomiums with which you have been pleased to honor me upon this occasion ; but I would fain hope that I have tried to do my duty as a Mason, as a member of that mighty brotherhood whose branches are spread over the habitable globe, and whose principles are as the everlasting hills, firm and durable, neither to be overthrown nor shaken.

It has always been a source of satisfaction to me to belong to our most ancient and honorable Fraternity; to be in connection with an organization founded upon the tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth, and which has been able to attract and retain the love and esteem of countless thousands of thinking, reasoning and intelligent men.

I have been deeply interested in the investigation of its laws, usages and customs. Many of these are quaint and curious, some of them carrying us far back into the misty realms of almost forgotten ages; others clearly traceable to the necessity of combination among the handicrafts to resist oppression in a time when the Masons' Lodge was the only bright spot of liberty or liberality of thought and conscience in a horizon darkened by wrong and fanaticism, but all having some end in view, some good purpose to serve in connection with the welfare of the Fraternity.

Its symbolism, its universality, its history, and many other phases of its scientific aspect, are also full of interest and delight to the diligent enquirer. This, however, is not the time for any elaborate disquisition upon its varied features. If any excuse were necessary for the devotion of years to the Masonic Institution it would be easy to furnish ample justification.

You have pleased to refer to my services in the Craft and to the Grand Lodge, but I have only done what every Mason should do. The work of the Grand Lodge is of the most important character, nearly always laborious, and requiring the most assiduous care and attention. By the favor of my Brethren, I was retained as a member of the Board of General Purposes for a lengthened period of years, and I could only endeavor to justify their confidence by using my best efforts to carry out faithfully the duties with which I was entrusted. I had no thought or anticipation of further honors, and my subsequent advancement was as unexpected as it was gratifying.

As your Grand Master, I endeavored to uphold the proud position attained by the Grand Lodge of Canada under my illustrious predecessors. I was conscious of the exalted position and deeply grateful to my Brethren for their bestowal of the highest honor that can be conferred upon any member of the craft. During my two years occupancy of the Masonic Throne, the Craft prospered at home and retained its influence abroad. I was entrusted with large powers and I used them, I believe, with strict impartiality, and with an earnest desire for the good of the fraternity under my charge.

Your presence here this evening and this magnificent testimonial from the Grand Lodge is surely a substantial and abundant manifestation that my humble services have been too highly appreciated. I can only express my deepest gratitude and thankfulness for their many acts of kindness towards me and for this very valuable mark of their esteem.

It is an additional gratification that you have chosen at considerable

inconvenience to yourselves, to make this presentation in my Masonic home where I was first "brought to light," some 27 years ago, and that this crowning event in my Masonic career should have taken place among the Brethren of my own Lodge, who have been so kind to me, and Brethren whom I am proud to call my friends. It will be an additional incentive to Manito Lodge to relax not in the work and to keep up the good reputation it has already attained.

I am also delighted with the composition of the Committee appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge. You, Brethren, have been fellow-workers with me in the quarries for many years and I have learned to esteem and respect you as thorough and devoted Masons.

Dear Brethren, will you kindly convey to the Grand Lodge this feeble expression of my heartfelt gratitude for their great kindness and my assurance that I will ever cherish in loving remembrance my Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

Yours fraternally,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Past Grand Master.

COLLINGWOOD, February 6th, 1889.

Your Committee have only to add that they have had more than ordinary pleasure in performing their duty, and can assure the Grand Lodge that, while M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson has occupied the highest positions in the Craft, his zeal is unabated, and we trust that he may live to benefit Grand Lodge by his wisdom and experience.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

DANIEL SPRY,	}
E. T. MALONE,	
DAVID MCLELLAN,	

Committee.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. E. T. Malone, and

Resolved,—That the Report of the Committee on the presentation of a testimonial to M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Past Grand Master, be received and adopted.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, assisted by M. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, proceeded with the installation and investiture of

the newly elected Officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

At a subsequent date, the M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :—

V. W. Bro. John Sutherland,	Kingston,	G. S. D.
" " " D. F. Macwatt,	Barrie,	G. J. D.
" " " P. J. Slatter,	Toronto,	G. S. of W.
" " " Wm. Ballantyne,	Seaforth,	G. D. of C.
" " " A. Poulter,	Hamilton,	Ass't G. S.
" " " E. W. Case,	Picton,	" G. D. of C.
" " " Jefferson Caverly,	Madoc,	G. S. B.
" " " Omer Brown,	Delta,	G. O.
" " " A. L. Rundle,	Oshawa,	Ass't G. O.
" " " J. McCarter,	Eglington,	G. P.
" " " Daniel Welsh,	Essex Centre,	G. Steward.
" " " A. Cameron,	Napier,	"
" " " S. Dubber,	St. Thomas,	"
" " " E. Miller,	Kincardine,	"
" " " R. R. Fulton,	Woodstock,	"
" " " A. J. Little,	Guelph,	"
" " " W. A. Ferrah,	Oakville,	"
" " " A. Burritt.	Meaford,	"
" " " W. H. Andrews,	Port Robinson,	"
" " " Thos. Kennedy,	Ottawa,	"
" " " J. A. Warren,	Keewatin Mills,	"
" " " W. H. Chittick,	Dorchester Station,	"
" " " H. Clements,	Palmerston,	G. Standard B.
" " " A. Hood,	Arnprior,	"

VOTES OF THANKS.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. D. H. Martyn, seconded by R. W. Bro. Donald Ross, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Mayor and Corporation of the Town of Owen Sound, for the cordial reception and kindly attentions given Grand Lodge at the present Communication, and that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. David McLellan, and

Resolved,—That the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby tendered to the Committee of Management of the Owen Sound Lodges, for the satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

NOTICES OF MOTION FOR NEXT ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

1. By R. W. Bro. T. Sargent :

That Clause 121 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "elect" the words "by a majority of all the members present in the lodge."

2. By R. W. Bro. T. Sargent :

That Clause 44 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "shall have been given at the preceding Annual Communication of Grand Lodge," and inserting instead the words "and shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of December following the Communication of Grand Lodge."

3. By W. Bro. C. C. Robinson :

That hereafter all business, except initiating and passing, be transacted in Warranted Lodges in the Third Degree, and that a Clause to this effect be added to the Constitution. Also, that anything in the Constitution or Regulations inconsistent with this resolution be, and the same is hereby repealed.

4. By R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson :

That Clause 255 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding next after the words "all the above jewels are to be of silver," the words "provided, however, that all the Lodges in the jurisdiction that took part in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada as well as the Lodges that already enjoy the privilege, shall be permitted to wear on their regalia gold jewels and gold trimmings."

5. By R. W. Bro. David Taylor :

That Clause 121 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: "Should the Lodge desire to do so, it may by By-law provide that no member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Election of Officers who is twelve months in arrears of Lodge dues."

6. By W. Bro. J. Reeve :

That the systematic black-balling in any Lodge of candidates for admission to the Craft, with the view of accomplishing some ulterior

object, and not on account of the unfitness of such candidates shall constitute a Masonic offence.

That Clause 202 of the Book of Constitution be amended by providing "that upon the trial of a brother charged with such offence, any brother may disclose how he voted upon the taking of any ballot involved in such enquiry, provided that the District Deputy Grand Master for the particular district shall have first intimated to the Master of said Lodge that he is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing such practice to exist."

7. By V. W. Bro. F. F. Manley :

That Clause 3 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words : "The manner of conducting the Election of the Members of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows :— The Committee on Credentials of Representatives shall prepare a list of the names of delegates to Grand Lodge, together with the number of votes each delegate is entitled to cast. The Grand Secretary or one of the Committee on Credentials shall call the names of the Brethren in rotation, when (after the brother has marked the number of votes he is entitled to cast upon the outside of the ballot paper), he shall hand it to one of the Grand Stewards to deposit in a ballot box provided for that purpose. The Grand Steward receiving the ballot shall see that the number marked upon it agrees with the number upon the report of the Committee on Credentials. No brother shall be permitted to deposit more than one ballot. The collection of the ballots shall take place immediately after the election of the Grand Wardens."

8. By V. W. Bro. F. F. Manley :

That Clause 178 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "and each Private Lodge shall defray the travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Master, to the extent of at least one visit in each year," and by inserting instead the words "the sum of dollars shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master of each district for each official visit made by him to the Lodges in his jurisdiction, to the extent of at least one visit to each Lodge in each year."

9. By V. W. Bro. Le. F. A. Maingy :

That in future the meetings of the Board of General Purposes shall be convened at such times before the Annual Communication as will permit the Reports of the Sub-Committees of the said Board being printed in time for distribution, upon the formal reception by Grand Lodge of the said reports.

10. By R. W. Bro. Rev. David Armstrong, D. D. :

That Clause 226 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "black balls" in the third and seventh lines and inserting instead the words "adverse votes," and that the following words be added to the Clause : "The method of balloting shall be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge."

11. By R. W. Bro. H. A. MacKelcan :

That the Grand Registrar be added to the Board of General Purposes.

12. By W. Bro. H. Lockwood :

That Clause 59 of the Book of Constitution be struck out and the following substituted: "The District Deputy Grand Master of each "district shall be elected after nomination, as follows: Any Past Master "may, not less than three months before the Annual Communication of "Grand Lodge, forward to the District Deputy Grand Master of his own "district, a single written nomination for the office of District Deputy "Grand Master. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master "immediately to acknowledge the receipt of each nomination by mail, "and at least two full months before the Annual Communication of Grand "Lodge, he shall forward by mail to each Lodge in his district a list of the "Brethren so nominated, with their Masonic rank, residence and pro- "fession, and the names of the Lodges to which they respectively belong. "From the list of Brethren so forwarded by the District Deputy "Grand Master, the new District Deputy Grand Master shall be elected "by the majority of the Past Masters and the representatives of the "Lodges of such district at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, "and if his election be confirmed by the Grand Master, he shall, if "present, be regularly installed. He must be a Past Master and a resident "of the district for which he is elected. If a brother who is Master of a "Lodge be elected as District Deputy Grand Master, his election shall "ipso facto operate to vacate his election as Master and a new election "shall be held by the Lodge."

13. By W. Bro. James Whitten :

That districts Nos. 9 and 16 be divided by detaching all that portion of No. 9 lying north of Severn Bridge, and all that portion of No. 16 lying west of the eastern boundary of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, and that a new district be formed out of these portions.

14. By W. Bro. D. T. Hind :

That Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York, be transferred from the Niagara District No. 10 to the Hamilton District No. 8.

THE GRAND LODGE CLOSED.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed at 3.45 p. m., in *ample form*.

ATTEST.



J. J. Mason

Grand Secretary.

APPENDICES.

GRAND SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Statement of moneys received by the Grand Secretary from 1st June, 1888, to 31st May, 1889.

NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
2 Niagara.....	26 75	57 Harmony.....	44 00
3 The Ancient St Johns.	68 50	58 Doric.....	52 75
5 Sussex.....	96 25	61 Acacia.....	225 50
6 Barton.....	172 00	62 St. Andrew's.....	25 00
7 Union.....	36 00	63 St. John's.....	51 00
9 Union.....	77 50	64 Kilwinning.....	86 50
10 Norfolk.....	57 25	65 Rehoboam.....	115 75
11 Moira.....	123 00	66 Durham.....	22 00
14 True Britons.....	60 00	68 St. John's.....	56 25
15 St. George's.....	78 00	69 Stirling.....	103 00
16 St. Andrew's.....	102 00	72 Alma.....	53 75
17 St. John's.....	31 75	73 St. James'.....	36 00
18 Prince Edward.....	99 50	74 St. James'.....	1 00
20 St. John's.....	70 25	75 St. John's.....	138 00
22 King Solomon's.....	79 50	76 Oxford.....	73 75
23 Richmond.....	— —	77 Faithful Brethren.....	64 00
24 St. Francis.....	46 25	78 King Hiram.....	54 50
25 Ionic.....	73 25	79 Simcoe.....	15 00
26 Ontario.....	44 00	80 Albion.....	— —
27 Strict Observance.....	149 00	81 St. John's.....	45 75
28 Mount Zion.....	— —	82 St. John's.....	18 75
29 United.....	14 25	83 Beaver.....	47 00
30 Composite.....	34 25	84 Clinton.....	2 00
31 Jerusalem.....	33 25	85 Rising Sun.....	91 00
32 Amity.....	34 75	86 Wilson.....	31 75
33 Maitland	79 25	87 Markham Union.....	44 75
34 Thistle.....	30 50	88 St. George's.....	29 25
35 St. John's.....	— —	90 Manitou.....	76 00
36 Welland.....	— —	91 Colborne.....	66 50
37 King Hiram.....	58 50	92 Catarraqui.....	57 00
38 Trent.....	3 00	93 Northern Light.....	65 00
39 Mount Zion.....	25 00	94 St. Mark's.....	5 00
40 St. John's.....	199 00	96 Corinthian.....	52 75
41 St. George's.....	33 00	97 Sharon.....	40 00
42 St. George's	57 25	98 True Blue.....	— —
43 King Solomon's.....	— —	99 Tuscan.....	25 75
44 St. Thomas.....	5 00	100 Valley.....	68 50
45 Brant.....	41 25	101 Corinthian.....	58 00
46 Wellington.....	62 25	103 Maple Leaf.....	59 75
47 Great Western.....	64 25	104 St. John's.....	48 25
48 Madoc.....	52 50	105 St. Mark's.....	25 50
50 Consecon.....	22 75	106 Burford.....	42 00
52 Dalhousie.....	23 50	107 St. Paul.....	29 00
54 Vaughan.....	29 50	108 Blenheim.....	— —
55 Merrickville.....	58 00	109 Albion.....	37 75
56 Victoria.....	51 00	110 Central.....	42 50

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT—[Continued.]

NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
113 Wilson	76 75	177 The Builders.....	91 25
114 Hope.....	40 50	178 Plattsburg.....	21 50
115 Ivy.....	34 00	179 Bothwell.....	6 00
116 Cassia.....	12 75	180 Speed.....	74 50
118 Union.....	13 25	181 Oriental.....	19 00
119 Maple Leaf.....	21 00	183 Prince Albert.....	53 00
120 Warren.....	12 25	184 Old Light.....	30 50
121 Doric.....	54 75	185 Enniskillen.....	17 00
122 Renfrew.....	39 50	186 Plantagenet.....	— —
123 The Belleville.....	115 50	189 Filius Viduae.....	— —
125 Cornwall.....	70 00	190 Belmont.....	12 50
126 Golden Rule.....	27 50	192 Orillia.....	34 00
127 Franck.....	127 00	193 Scotland.....	15 25
128 Pembroke	68 50	194 Petrolia.....	14 25
129 The Rising Sun.....	33 25	195 The Tuscan.....	20 00
131 St. Lawrence.....	21 50	196 Madawaska.....	54 00
133 Lebanon Forest.....	43 50	197 Saugeen	32 25
135 St. Clair.....	40 00	200 St. Albans.....	— —
136 Richardson	18 50	201 Leeds	40 50
137 Pythagoras.....	38 50	203 Irvine	63 50
139 Lebanon.....	23 75	205 New Dominion.....	18 00
140 Malahide.....	45 50	207 Lancaster	24 25
141 Tudor.....	35 50	209a St. John's.....	134 50
142 Excelsior	84 00	209 Evergreen.....	37 00
143 Friendly Brothers.....	20 50	212 Elysian	16 00
144 Tecumseh.....	46 75	214 Craig	7 75
145 J. B. Hall.....	— —	215 Lake.....	8 75
146 Prince of Wales.....	40 00	216 Harris.....	15 00
147 Mississippi.....	32 25	217 Frederick	33 50
148 Civil Service.....	36 50	218 Stevenson.....	116 25
149 Erie	30 75	219 Credit	30 00
151 The Grand River.....	44 00	220 Zeradatha.....	38 50
153 Burns.....	29 00	221 Mountain	48 25
154 Irving	39 50	222 Marmora.....	34 75
155 Peterboro'	83 25	223 Norwood	2 00
156 York	26 75	224 Zurich	17 25
157 Simpson	37 00	225 Bernard	46 00
158 Alexandra	27 50	228 Prince Arthur.....	— —
159 Goodwood	86 50	229 Ionic	28 00
161 Percy	30 00	230 Kerr	59 75
162 Forest	25 75	231 Lodge of Fidelity	— —
164 Star in the East.....	26 50	232 Cameron	24 00
165 Burlington	42 00	233 Doric	35 00
166 Wentworth	30 75	234 Beaver	53 00
168 Merritt	48 75	235 Aldworth	36 00
169 Macnab	16 25	236 Manitoba	30 00
170 Britannia	42 50	237 Vienna	17 25
171 Prince of Wales.....	19 25	238 Havelock	35 50
172 Ayr	— —	239 Tweed	28 25
174 Walsingham	90 00	241 Quinte	19 50
176 Spartan	16 00	242 Macoy	28 00

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT- [Continued.]

NAME OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NAME OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
243 St. George.....	34 00	307 Arkona.....	24 75
245 Tecumseh.....	25 00	308 Grafton.....	19 00
247 Ashlar.....	125 25	309 Morning Star.....	30 50
249 Caledonian.....	74 00	311 Blackwood.....	12 25
250 Thistle.....	40 50	312 Pnyx.....	48 75
253 Minden.....	52 25	313 Clementi.....	21 50
254 Clifton.....	48 25	314 Blair.....	33 25
255 Sydenham.....	24 25	315 Clifford.....	11 50
256 Farran's Point.....	46 00	316 Doric.....	90 50
257 Galt.....	— —	318 Wilmot.....	17 00
258 Guelph.....	55 00	319 Hiram.....	34 00
259 Springfield.....	36 75	320 Chesterville.....	40 75
260 Washington.....	23 75	321 Walker.....	17 25
261 Oak Branch.....	25 25	322 North Star.....	53 50
262 Harriston.....	46 50	323 Alvinston.....	29 00
263 Forest.....	32 50	324 Temple.....	147 25
264 Chaudiere.....	55 00	325 Orono.....	39 00
265 Patterson.....	22 50	326 Zetland.....	85 75
266 Northern Light.....	14 75	327 The Hammond.....	21 50
267 Parthenon.....	38 75	328 Ionic.....	17 50
268 Verulam.....	24 75	329 King Solomon.....	18 25
269 Brougham Union.....	35 00	330 Corinthian.....	— —
270 Cedar.....	35 00	331 Fordinch.....	16 25
271 Wellington.....	42 50	332 Stratford.....	29 75
272 Seymour.....	27 50	333 Prince Arthur.....	3 00
274 Kent.....	27 00	334 Prince Arthur.....	— —
276 Teeswater.....	12 50	335 Langton.....	— —
277 Seymour.....	41 50	336 Highgate.....	28 50
278 Mystic.....	19 00	337 Myrtle.....	31 00
279 New Hope.....	30 00	338 Dufferin.....	— —
282 Lorne.....	— —	339 Orient.....	91 50
283 Eureka.....	32 25	340 St. John's.....	11 50
284 St. John's.....	29 25	341 Bruce.....	42 75
285 Seven Star.....	— —	342 Hiram.....	— —
286 Wingham.....	15 00	343 Georgina.....	34 50
287 Shuniah.....	76 25	344 Merrill.....	17 00
289 Doric.....	41 75	345 Nilesstown.....	23 75
290 Leamington.....	54 25	346 Occident.....	104 50
291 Dufferin.....	16 50	347 Mercer.....	26 50
292 Robertson.....	9 75	348 Georgian.....	— —
293 The Royal Sol. Mother	110 00	349 Elgin.....	4 00
294 Moore.....	20 00	352 Granite.....	85 75
295 Conestogo.....	— —	354 Brock.....	59 25
296 Temple.....	42 75	356 River Park.....	18 75
297 Preston.....	27 50	357 Waterdown.....	33 75
299 Victoria.....	— —	358 Deleware Valley.....	6 00
300 Mount Olivet.....	30 75	359 Vittoria.....	18 75
302 St. David's.....	5 00	360 Muskoka.....	31 75
303 Blyth.....	49 50	361 Waverley.....	65 50
304 Minerva.....	18 00	362 Maple Leaf.....	12 00
305 Humber.....	18 50	363 Frontenac.....	14 50
306 Durham.....	22 25	364 Dufferin.....	67 00

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT—[Continued.]

NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.	NAMES OF LODGES.	\$ cts.
366 Euclid	28 25	398 Victoria.....	— —
367 St. George.....	80 00	399 Moffat.....	14 00
368 Salem.....	46 75	400 Oakville.....	81 25
369 Mimico	— —	401 Craig.....	15 50
370 Harmony	18 25	402 Central.....	30 50
371 Prince of Wales.....	46 75	403 Windsor.....	24 00
372 Palmer	16 25	404 Lorne.....	39 00
373 Copestoue.....	24 50	405 Mattawa.....	40 00
374 Keene.....	18 75	406 The Spry.....	31 25
375 Lorne	15 00	407 Manitoulin.....	21 75
376 Unity.....	58 75	408 Murray.....	17 00
377 Lorne	9 00	409 Golden Rule.....	47 25
378 King Solomon's.....	74 50	410 Zeta.....	52 00
379 Middlesex.....	14 50	411 Rodney.....	23 00
380 Union.....	— —	412 Keystone.....	80 50
382 Doric.....	83 25	413 Naphtali.....	21 50
383 Henderson.....	2 00	414 Pequonga.....	84 75
384 Alpha.....	120 25	415 Fort William.....	46 75
385 Spry.....	10 75	416 Lyn.....	30 00
386 McColl	20 50	417 Keewatin.....	52 75
387 Lansdowne	3 50	418 Maxville.....	43 75
388 Henderson.....	47 25	419 Bismarck.....	61 25
389 Crystal Fountain.....	21 75	420 Nipissing.....	74 25
390 Florence.....	13 00	421 Scott.....	15 00
391 Howard	4 00	422 Star of the East.....	50 50
392 Huron	32 50	Interest—General Fund.....	2632 77
393 Forest.....	— —	" —Asylum Fund.....	333 00
394 King Solomon.....	27 75	Sundries.....	183 30
395 Parvaim.....	— —	Total.....	\$17,007 32
396 Cedar.....	48 25		
397 Leopold.....	34 00		

DISTRIBUTION OF MONEYS RECEIVED.

Certificates.....	\$ 2,347 00
Dues.....	9,453 25
Fees.....	1,351 00
Dispensations.....	82 00
Warrants.....	40 00
Constitutions.....	473 00
Commutations.....	125 00
Interest on General Fund.....	2,632 77
" Asylum Fund.....	333 00
Sundries.....	170 30
Total.....	\$17,007 32

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENTS.

*The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, in account with E. MITCHELL,
Grand Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

1888.

May 31—	By balance as per Balance Sheet	\$19,731 14
July 18—	" Transfer Fenevolent Investment Account balance, as per instructions of Grand Lodge...	35,784 53
" 18—	" Transfer B. F. Current Account balance, as per instructions of Grand Lodge	2,393 51
" 24—	" Grand Secretary	5,000 00
Oct. 4—	" " "	2,000 00
Nov. 30—	" " " interest on Bank Account....	113 24
1889.		
Jan. 31—	" " "	4,000 00
April 24—	" " "	3,500 00
May 9—	" " "	1,055 50
" 31—	" " "	928 05
" 31—	" " " Interest on Bank Account...	77 53
		\$74,493 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

1888.

July 7—	Paid Gr. Sec. salary to 30th June, 1888.....	\$ 400 00
" 7—	Assistant to Gr. Sec. salary to 30th June....	200 00
" 7—	Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th June	50 00
" 7—	Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th June,	43 75
" 12—	Mrs. W. M. Wilson, grant to 30th June	75 00
" 12—	Miss Mary Wilson, grant to 30th June.....	75 00
" 16—	Mrs. T. B. Harris, grant to 30th June.....	56 25
" 16—	Grand Master, half-yearly grant for expenses,	250 00
" 26—	R. Duncan & Co., books and stationery	32 30
" 26—	Times Printing Co., sundry printing.....	989 51
" 27—	Buntin, Gillies & Co., for stationery.....	15 63
" 30—	Copp, Clark & Co., for certificates, etc.....	306 77
" 30—	James Murray & Co., printing 1000 maps...	23 50
" 30—	Globe Printing and Publishing Co., alterations in maps	15 00
Aug. 4—	Grip Printing Co., engraving Masonic maps,	46 00
" 4—	Map and School Supply Co., mounting Masonic maps.....	33 00
" 8—	Masonic Relief Association of U. S. and Canada (fee).....	194 50
" 8—	E. J. B. Pense, printing for G. M. in 1879 ..	6 50
" 15—	Chairman Ben. Committee for postage.....	15 00
" 18—	expenses Board meeting re Minister and Langton	116 55
" 18—	balance incidentals : G. Sec., \$268.08, and on account 1888 and 1889, \$300.00	568 08
" 25—	Seneca Jones, premium on G. Sec. Bond....	50 00
" 28—	expenses of Board meeting, July, 1888....	784 55

DISBURSEMENTS—[Continued.]

Oct.	3—	Paid Grand Treasurer's salary to 30th Sept.	\$ 50 00
"	3—	expenses Opera House, printing, etc., during G. L.....	169 00
"	5—	" Mrs. W. M. Wilson, grant to 30th Sept.....	75 00
"	5—	" Miss Mary Wilson, grant to 30th Sept.....	75 00
"	8—	" Mrs. T. B. Harris, grant to 30th Sept.....	56 25
"	22—	" Grand Secretary's salary to 30th Sept.....	400 00
"	22—	" Assistant to G. Sec., salary to 30th Sept....	200 00
"	22—	" Masonic Hall Association, rent to 30th Sept.,	43 75
"	22—	Draft in aid Yellow Fever Sufferers, Jackson- ville	200 00
Nov.	5—	" E. & C. Gurney Co., for stove, etc.....	39 75
"	30—	" William Bruce, engrossing address	25 25
Dec.	31—	" Grand Treasurer's salary to date.	50 00
1889.			
Jan.	2—	" Miss Mary Wilson, grant to 31st Dec.....	75 00
"	2—	" Grand Master, half-yearly grant for expenses,	250 00
"	3—	" Grand Secretary's salary to 31st Dec.....	400 00
"	3—	" Assistant to G. Sec., salary to 31st Dec.....	200 00
"	3—	" Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st Dec..	43 75
"	3—	" Mrs. T. B. Harris, grant to 31st Dec.....	56 25
"	3—	" Mrs. W. M. Wilson, grant to 31st Dec.....	75 00
"	3—	Presentation (cost of) to M. W. Bro. Robertson	255 00
Feb.	3—	" Miss Edith E. Shaw, for illuminating address	35 00
April	2—	" Miss M. Wilson, grant to 31st March	75 00
"	3—	" Mrs. W. M. Wilson, grant to 31st March...	75 00
"	3—	" Grand Secretary's salary to 31st March.....	400 00
"	3—	" Assistant to G. Sec., salary to 31st March...	200 00
"	3—	" Grand Treasurer's salary to 31st March.....	50 00
"	3—	" Masonic Hall Association, rent to 31st March	43 75
"	5—	" Mrs. T. B. Harris, grant to 31st March.....	56 25
"	16—	Fire Insurance Association, insurance on Regalia	15 75
May	31—	" Orders, benevolence for year as per list.....	9,770 00
"	31—	Balance	56,686 86
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PAYMENTS ON ACCOUNT OF BENEVOLENCE.

1888.		1888.	
June	30	Mrs. Arnold.....	\$10 00
"	30	Mrs. Burgess....	10 00
"	30	Mrs. Burgess....	10 00
"	30	Mrs. Vardon....	10 00
July	31	Mrs. Dow	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Dow.....	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Fidell.....	10 00
"	31	Bro. Halliday ...	15 00
"	31	Bro. Halliday ...	15 00
Aug.	31	Mrs. Somerville .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Gilchrist ...	15 00
"	31	Mrs. McMenemy.	10 00
"	31	Daug. Bro. Eligh	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Paterson...	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Johnstone..	10 00
"	31	Ch'n Bro. Francis	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Stronger...	15 00
"	31	B. Rlf. Peterboro'	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Tighe.....	20 00
"	31	B. Rlf. Windsor.	15 00
"	31	Janet Maughan..	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Shields....	20 00
"	31	Bro. D. Bee	20 00
"	31	E. Manghan....	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Tuke.....	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Garbutt....	10 00
"	31	Mrs. McBride...	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Scott.....	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Griffith ...	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Sharpe	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Adamson ..	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Flood	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Sweeney...	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Newbury...	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Cox	10 00
"	31	Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Kennedy...	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Parker.....	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Renwick...	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Kesteven...	5 00
"	31	B. Rlf. London..	50 00
"	31	Mrs. Wills.....	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Walker....	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Bailey	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Greer.....	15 00
"	31	Bro. Wilson	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Vanlaven...	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Carter.....	10 00
"	31	Bro. Huyck.....	20 00
"	31	Mrs. McTaggart.	5 00
"	31	Mrs. McIntyre ..	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Goslee.....	5 00
		Mrs. Francis....	\$10 00
		" Mrs. Manning...	51 00
		" Mrs. Harrington.	20 00
		" Mrs. Jones.....	20 00
		" Mrs. Elliott ..	20 00
		" Mrs. Armon...	20 00
		" Mrs. Walthro....	10 00
		" Mrs. Harvey....	10 00
		" Mrs. Olmstead ..	15 00
		" Mrs. Lawrence..	15 00
		" Bro. Scott.	25 00
		" Mrs. Imlay.....	10 00
		" Bro. Butterworth	25 00
		" Mrs. Wescott ...	10 00
		" Mrs. Shupe....	15 00
		" Orphans' Brother	
		Bonghart	5 00
		" Mrs. Bradley	10 00
		" Mrs. Robertson..	5 00
		" Mrs. Pocock....	10 00
		" Mrs. Cronin.....	20 00
		" Mrs. Spickett ...	10 00
		" Mrs. Welbanks..	15 00
		" Mrs. J. C. Smith	15 00
		" Mrs. Scott.....	15 00
		" Mrs. McVeaty...	10 00
		" Mrs. Hixon.	15 00
		" Mrs. McNally...	25 00
		" Orp. Bro. Francis	10 00
		" " Bro. Salmoni	5 00
		" Bro. Munson....	25 00
		" Mrs. Palmer.....	15 00
		" Mrs. Robson....	20 00
		" Mrs. Johnston....	10 00
		" Bro. Meyers....	20 00
		" Bro. Worsfold...	25 00
		" Mrs. Hill.	10 00
		" Mrs. Urquhart..	15 00
		" Mrs. Middleton..	5 00
		" Mrs. Kerr	15 00
		" Mrs. Reid	10 00
		" Mrs. Christie....	10 00
		" Mrs. Nixon....	10 00
		" Mrs. LeClair....	5 00
		" Mrs. Moore.....	15 00
		" Mrs. Witmer	20 00
		" Mrs. Gray.....	15 00
		" Mrs. Fortier....	15 00
		" Mrs. McBeth....	10 00
		" Orphans' Bro. Orr	20 00
		" " Bro. McBride	15 00
		" Mrs. Stairs.....	20 00
		" Mrs. Pettit.....	15 00

BENEVOLENCE—[Continued.]

1888.

Aug. 31	Mrs. Hall.....	\$10 00
" 31	Mrs. Bowinan....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. McKay....	5 00
" 31	Bro. Thompson..	25 00
" 31	Mrs. Stetham....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. P. Smith...	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Riggs.....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Davies.....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Berry.....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Neale.....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Upham.....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. D. Mitchell.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Hortop....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Leister	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Sutherland.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Sinall.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Hessel....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Beal.....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Canning....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Rubidge....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Smythe....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Barber.....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Bridgeport.	15 00
" 31	Bro. Hallett....	20 00
" 31	B. Rlf., Hamilton	50 00
" 31	Mrs. Wright....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Howells....	10 00
" 31	Bro. C. W. Smith.	25 00
" 31	Mrs. Amsden....	15 00
" 31	Bro. Black....	25 00
" 31	Orp. Bro. Barber.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Cummings..	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Bailey.....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Cook.....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Wills.....	15 00
" 31	Bro. Jno. Hill...	25 00
" 31	Mrs. Wylie.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Wilson.....	10 00
" 31	Daug'ter Bro. Lee	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Baptie....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Smithett... .	15 00
" 31	Bro. Ingram....	20 00
" 31	Mrs. Inman....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Benedict...	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Blondheim.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Milne	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Rome.....	15 00
" 31	Bro. Marcus....	25 00
" 31	Mrs. Goldsmith..	20 00
" 31	Mrs. Robertson..	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Ross.....	15 00
" 31	Bd. Rlf., Ottawa.	15 00

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Aug. 31	Mrs. Phillips....	\$15 00
" 31	Mrs. Sproule....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. McPhail....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Bryant.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Perley.....	10 00
" 31	Orp. Bro. Oliver.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. McIntyre...	10 00
" 31	Bro. Langstaff...	20 00
" 31	Mrs. Long.....	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Campbell...	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Iredale....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. McKillican.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. McKellar ..	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Rays.....	10 00
" 31	B. Rlf., Kingston.	30 00
" 31	Mrs. McNice....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Hall.....	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Coulter ...	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Noble.....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Graham....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Halliday...	5 00
" 31	Bro. Cooper.....	20 00
" 31	Mrs. Stoppleben.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Martin....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Bald.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Allen.....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Campaign..	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Salmond...	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Gordon....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Jolley.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Burns.	15 00
" 31	B. Rlf., Toronto.	50 00
" 31	Mrs. Birtsch ...	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Jemison...	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Baxter....	20 00
" 31	Mrs. Jackson....	5 00
" 31	Mrs. McKay....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Street.....	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Hill.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Kirby.	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Bennett....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Wolf	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Dack	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Turner....	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Thoburn...	15 00
" 31	Ch'n Bro. Coville	15 00
" 31	Miss Miller.....	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Rawlinson..	15 00
" 31	Mrs. Raith	5 00
" 31	Mrs. Webb.	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Sedden....	10 00
" 31	Mrs. Evans.....	15 00

BENEVOLENCE—[Continued.]

1888.		1883.	
Aug.	31	Mrs. Bethune . . .	\$10 00
"	31	Bro. Foster. . . .	25 00
"	31	Mrs. Howe. . . .	10 00
"	31	Or Bro. Anderson . . .	10 00
"	31	Or Bro. Fraser . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. White. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Rowed . . .	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Gray	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Campbell . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Berlett . . .	10 00
"	31	Bro. Baker. . . .	25 00
"	31	Mrs. Blythe. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Kneeshaw. . .	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Martin	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Badgley. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Hunter	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Hodgins	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Hunter	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Bailey. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Le Roy. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Roblin. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. O'Neil. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. McKenzie. . . .	10 00
"	31	Bro. Kennedy. . . .	25 00
"	31	Mrs. McLellan. . .	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Boulton. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Christison. . .	10 00
"	31	Bro. Beist	25 00
"	31	Mrs. Frazer. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. De Grassie. . .	20 00
"	31	Mrs. Patterson. . .	10 00
"	31	Bro. Sutherland. . .	25 00
"	31	Mrs. Pickhaven. . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Hill. . . .	10 00
"	31	Orp. J. Nielson. . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Destrich. . . .	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Davey. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Harvey. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Pigott. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Jones. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Seirch. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Elsassen. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Power. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Rees. . . .	15 00
"	31	Orp. Bro. Munroe . .	5 00
"	31	Mrs. Burgess. . . .	10 00
"	31	Mrs. Baitie. . . .	15 00
"	31	Mrs. Aishton. . . .	10 00
Sept.	30	Mrs. Bourke. . . .	10 00
"	30	Mrs. Gill. . . .	20 00
"	30	Mrs. Blount. . . .	15 00
"	30	Mrs. Thompson. . .	10 00
		Sept. 30	Mrs. Howard . . . \$10 00
		"	30 Orp. Bro. Gregory 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Hogg . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Johnston. . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Hurst. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Nancollas. . 5 00
		"	30 Mrs. Tandy. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Conklin. . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. McRae. . . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Scatchard. . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Barber. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Beaver. . . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Ramsay. . . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Weir. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Davis. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Orp. Bro. Rees. . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Richardson. . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Giboney. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Gifford. . . . 5 00
		"	30 Mrs. Phipp. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Daug. Bro. Steele 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Beaton. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Oldham. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Ramsay. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Reid. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Richardson. . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Kerr. . . . 5 00
		"	30 Bro. Paterson. . . 20 00
		"	30 Bro. Videan. . . . 25 00
		"	30 Mrs. Arnold. . . . 5 00
		"	30 Mrs. Joliffe. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Deacon. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Marsh. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Nash. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Elliott. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Matheson. . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Porteous. . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Peverett. . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Fitzpatrick. . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. France. . . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Hogg. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. McPherson. . 15 00
		"	30 Orp. Bro. Warren 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Hill. . . . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Little. . . . 20 00
		"	30 Mrs. Francis. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Clegg. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Sanderson. . 15 00
		"	30 Mrs. Playtor. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Gibson. . . . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Zimmerman. . 10 00
		"	30 Mrs. Dow. . . . 10 00

IENEVOLENCE—[Continued.]

1888.		1888.	
Sept. 30 Mrs. Bernard....	\$40 00	Dec. 31 Mrs. Stafford....	\$15 00
" 30 Mrs. Connolly....	15 00	" 31 Mrs. Laing.	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Handy....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Reid	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Mitchell....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Clayton....	20 00
" 30 Mrs. McKay....	10 00		
" 30 Mrs. Parney....	10 00	1889.	
" 30 Mrs. Halliday....	10 00	Jany. 31 Bro. Bowman ...	20 00
" 30 Mrs. Steele....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Grant.	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Ellis	15 00	" 31 Mrs. Livingston..	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Beattie	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Lowe.....	10 00
Oct. 31 Mrs. Malcolm ...	15 00	" 31 Mrs. Lewis.	5 00
" 31 Mrs. Fowler	20 00	" 31 Mrs. Gilchrist. ..	15 00
" 31 Mrs. Porteous....	10 00	" 31 Bro. C. W. Smith	25 00
" 31 Mrs. Moore....	5 00	" 31 Bd Rlf. Hamilton	50 00
" 31 Bro. Graham....	15 00		
" 31 Mrs. Cameron...	10 00	Feb. 28 Mrs. Porteous ...	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Beam.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Zimmerman	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Thompson.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. McKay....	5 00
" 31 Orp. Bro. Davey	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Robson....	20 00
" 31 Mrs. McCadden..	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Iredale	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Harvey....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Peverett ...	15 00
" 31 Mrs. Kinsman...	5 00	" 28 Mrs. McGibbony	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Whitworth.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Clayton....	20 00
" 31 Or. Br. Cummins	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Elsasser....	15 00
" 31 Mrs. Adams....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Wells.	15 00
" 31 Mrs. Cameron...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Howard ...	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Whitehead.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Thompson .	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Taylor.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Wilson ...	10 00
" 31 Mrs. Young....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Palmer	15 00
Nov. 30 Mrs. Spence....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Hurst.	10 00
" 30 Bro. Wilson....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Newberry..	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Leaney.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Bennett....	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Epplet....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. McLellan..	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Vardon....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. McKellar ..	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Oliver.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Lawrence ..	15 00
" 30 Mrs. McRae....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Small.....	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Kingston...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Hall	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Cosseboom.	15 00	" 28 Mrs. McCadden.	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Davis....	10 00	" 28 Bro. Butterworth.	25 00
" 30 Mrs. Street.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Upham....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Bell.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Jones.....	20 00
" 30 Or. Bro. Walmer	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Kneeshaw..	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Jewell	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Smythe....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Pringle....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Canning... .	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Quirk	10 00	" 28 Orphans Bro. Orr	20 00
" 30 Mrs. Blue.....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Imlay.	10 00
" 30 Dau. Bro. Smith	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Barber....	15 00
" 30 Mrs. McComb...	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Blount....	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Leith.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Goldsmith..	20 00
" 30 Mrs. Sharpe....	10 00	" 28 Bd. Rlf. Ottawa.	15 00
Dec. 31 Mrs. G. Smith ..	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Lang	5 00
" 31 Mrs. Leitch.....	20 00	" 28 Sarah Eligh....	10 00
		" 28 Mrs. Oliver.....	15 00
		" 28 Mrs. Mitchell. ..	10 00

BENEVOLENCE—[Continued.]

1889.		1889.	
Feb. 28 Mrs. Kennedy...	\$10 00	Feb. 28 Mrs. McDougall.	\$5 00
" 28 Mrs. Smith.	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Rome.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Bridgeport..	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Wylie.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Sutherland.	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Perley.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Turner	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Hessel....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Dack.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Coulter....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Thoburn...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Baxter....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Roblin	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Middleton..	5 00
" 28 Mrs. Jewell....	10 00	" 28 Bro. Ingram....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. McTaggart.	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Conklin...	15 00
" 28 Bro. McNally...	25 00	" 28 Mrs. Cummins...	5 00
" 28 Bro. Hallett....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Patterson...	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Olmstead...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Stronger....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Rubidge... .	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Bowman.. .	10 00
" 28 Mrs. White.	10 00	" 28 Bro. Hill.....	25 00
" 28 Mrs. Stetham....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Jamieson...	15 00
" 28 Orp.Bro.McBride	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Harrington .	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Pettit.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Cummins ..	5 00
" 28 Mrs. Kerr.....	15 00	" 28 Bro. Huyck....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Urquhart...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Bradley....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Barber....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Robertson..	5 00
" 28 Mrs. McNeice...	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Moore.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Robertson..	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Jackson....	5 00
" 28 Mrs. Kirby.....	15 00	" 28 Bro. Black.....	25 00
" 28 Mrs. Martin....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Gray	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Stoppleben.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Armon....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Sproule....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Tandy....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Weir.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Shupe	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Westcott...	10 00	" 28 Bro. Wilson	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Fortier....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Badgley....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Whitiner...	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Riggs.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Hortop....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Neale.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Beattie....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Stairs.....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Little.....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Pocock....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. O'Neil.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Marsh.....	10 00
" 28 Orp. Bro. Fraser.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Christie....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Street.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Griffith ...	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Pigott.....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Martin....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Adamson...	5 00	" 28 B. Rlf. London..	50 00
" 28 Mrs. Sharpe....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Cronin	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Garbutt....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Mitchell ...	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Reid.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Walker....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. France.....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McBeth....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Gill.	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Beaver....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Davies.... .	10 00
" 28 Bro. Videan....	25 00	" 28 Bro. Kennedy...	25 00
" 28 Mrs. Fitzpatrick.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Jolley.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Bailey.	15 00	" 28 Da. Bro. Maughan	5 00
" 28 Bro. Marcus....	25 00	" 28 Bro. Foster	25 00
" 28 Mrs. McDougall.	5 00	" 28 Bro. Munro. ...	25 00
" 28 Mrs. Oldham....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Bailey.... .	10 00
" 28 Bd.Rlf., Kingston	30 00	" 28 Mrs. Campbell..	10 00

BENEVOLENCE—[Continued.]

1889.		1889.	
Feb. 28 Mrs. Fowler	\$20 00	Feb. 28 Mrs. Green.....	\$15 00
" 28 Or. Bro. Banghart	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Siersch	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Moore.....	5 00	" 28 Mrs. McRae	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Evans	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Street.....	5 00
" 28 Mrs. McIntyre ..	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Cummings..	5 00
" 28 Mrs. Kestivan....	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Milne.	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Amsden....	15 00	" 28 Bro. Meyers.	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Miller	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Flood.	20 00
" 28 Bro. Langstaff...	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Blondheim..	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Halliday....	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Shields....	20 00
" 28 Orp. Bro. Salmoni	5 00	" 28 Or. Bro. Rees...	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McVetey...	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Waltho....	10 00
" 28 Orp. Bro. Francis	10 00	" 28 Eliza Smith.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Johnston....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Gifford	5 00
" 28 Mrs. Harvey....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Howe.	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McMenemy,	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Benedict...	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Elliott.....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Salmond...	15 00
" 28 Lousia Lee	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Gordon....	15 00
" 28 Bro. Worsfold...	25 00	" 28 Mrs. Hall	5 00
" 28 Orp. Bro. Barber	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Rowed....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Tighe	20 00	" 28 Bro. Patterson...	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Spickett ...	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Bald	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Pringle	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Davis.....	15 00
" 28 Bro. Bee.....	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Locke....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Scott.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Smithett...	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Tuke.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Bryant	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Manning...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Leister	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McBride...	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Rowlinson..	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Renwick...	15 00	" 28 Bro. Barber....	25 00
" 28 Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00	" 28 Bro. Sutherland..	25 00
" 28 Mrs. Cox.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Graham....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Nixon.....	10 00	" 28 Or. Bro. Munro..	5 00
" 28 B. Rlf. Peterboro'	10 00	" 28 Or. Bro. Gregory	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Parker.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. McKay	10 00
" 28 Mrs. LeClair....	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Wright....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McLeod ...	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Wells.....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Sommerville	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Burgess....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McIntyre..	5 00	" 28 Mrs. Hill.....	10 00
" 28 Dau. Bro. Palmer	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Vardon....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. McKellican.	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Boulton....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Adam.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Beal.....	10 00
" 28 Or. Bro. Warren.	20 00	" 28 Mrs. Berry.....	15 00
" 28 Bro. Scott.... .	25 00	" 28 Bro. Graham....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Smith.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Reid.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Ross	15 00	" 28 Bd. Rlf., Windsor	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Elliott.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Fraser.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Richardson.	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Hogg.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Inman.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Johnston....	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Bethune. .	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Cook.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Hixon.....	15 00	" 28 Mrs. Christenson.	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Ramsay....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Gray.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Hill.....	10 00	" 28 Mrs. Bailie	15 00

BENEVOLENCE—[Continued.]

1889.		1889.	
Feb. 28 Mrs. McPhail....	\$15 00	Mar. 30 Bd. Rlf. Toronto.	\$50 00
" 28 Mrs. McKay....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Mathison ..	20 00
" 28 Mrs. Nancollis...	5 00	" 30 Mrs. Power.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Campagne.	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Hill.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. De Wolf....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Whitehead..	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Beam.....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Hill.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Noble.....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Webb.....	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Ramsay....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Davey.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Wellbanks..	15 00	" 30 Mrs. McKenzie..	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Sweeney....	15 00	April 30 Mrs. Steele.	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Carter.....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Grant.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Bell.....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. McComb ..	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Kingston...	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Leith.....	10 00
" 28 Orp. Bro. Covill.	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Malcolm...	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Hunter....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Laing.	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Bourke....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Reid	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Howells....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Smith.	10 00
" 28 Mrs. Handy....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Hogg.....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Bayley....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Sharpe	10 00
" 28 Bro. Wilson....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Stafford....	15 00
" 28 Mrs. Taylor....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Spence	15 00
Mar. 30 Mrs. Berlet.....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Sanderson..	15 00
" 30 Mrs. McRae....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Leitch.....	20 00
" 30 Mrs. Francis ...	10 00	" 30 Bro. Cooper.....	20 00
" 30 Mrs. Beaton....	15 00	" 30 Or. Bro. Oliver..	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Blue.....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Allen.....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Rees.....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Whitworth.	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Locke....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Hill.....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Richardson.	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Allen (1)...	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Aishton....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Allen (2)...	5 00
" 30 Bro. Nelson....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Kerr .. .	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Seddon....	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Hunter....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Nash.....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Epplett....	10 00
" 30 Bro. Bowman....	20 00	" 30 Mrs. Parney	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Pattison....	10 00	" 30 Orp. Bro. Davey.	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Vanluchen...	10 00	" 30 Bro. Reist .. .	25 00
" 30 Mrs. Scatchard..	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Gipson	10 00
" 30 Or. Bro. Anderson	10 00	" 30 Mrs. Kays .. .	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Goslee....	5 00	" 30 Bro. Halliday ...	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Connolly....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Kinsman...	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Phillips....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Young... .	10 00
" 30 Orp. Bro. Neilson	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Harvey....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Harvey....	15 00	" 30 Mrs. Pickhaven..	10 00
" 30 Harriet Steele...	20 00	May 31 Mrs. LeRoy.....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Dettrick....	5 00	" 31 Mrs. Deacon....	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Joliffe.....	15 00	" 31 Mrs. Phipp .. .	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Baptie....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Cosseboom.	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Birtsch....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Lowe.....	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Ellis.....	15 00	" 31 Mrs. Raith.....	5 00
" 30 Mrs. Preston....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. McPherson.	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Blythe....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Campbell..	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Preston....	10 00	" 31 Bro. Nelson....	20 00
" 30 Mrs. Davis.....	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Campbell ..	10 00
" 30 Mrs. Davis .. .	10 00	" 31 Mrs. Scott.....	15 00
" 30 Mrs. Hill.....	15 00		
" 30 Mrs. DeGrassi ..	20 00		
" 30 Mrs. Burns.....	15 00	Total....	\$9,770 00

GENERAL ABSTRACT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

From 1st June, 1888, to 31st May, 1889.

Dr.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, OWEN SOUND, 5889. 197

Cr.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Bank, 1st June, 1888.....	\$ 9,243 43	General Purposes.....	\$ 7,011 64
Received by Grand Secretary and paid over to		Benevolence.....	10,795 00
Grand Treasurer	17,007 32	Cash in Bank, 31st May, 1889	8,444 11
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			\$26,250 75

DISBURSEMENTS.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st MAY, 1889.

Dr. *The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in account with E. MITCHELL, Grand Treasurer. Gr.*

Debentures :—				
London Loan Co. of Canada, @ 5 %.....	\$10,000 00			
Huron and Erie Loan and Savings, @ 4½ %.....	10,000 00			
Western Canada Loan and Savings, @ 4½ %.....	10,000 00			
Hamilton Provident and Loan Co., @ 4½ %.....	10,000 00			
Canada Permanent Loan Co., @ 4½ %.....	10,000 00			
Landed Banking and Loan Co., @ 4¾ %.....	10,000 00			
Current Account—Balance in Canadian Bank of Commerce.....	8,444 11			
				\$68,444 11

CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE, HAMILTON, 31st MAY, 1889.

We hereby certify that the Debentures named in the above Balance Sheet are in the custody of this Bank for safe keeping, and that the above balance of \$8,444.11 to the credit of the current account of the Grand Lodge at this date is correct.

WM. ROBERTS, Manager.
S. READ, Jr., Accountant.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, AS AT 24th JUNE, 1889.

Lodges marked (a) hold their Installation of Officers on Festival of St. John the Evangelist; all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
2	Niagara.....	Niagara.....	Wednesday on or before f. moon — monthly	L. H. Anderson, M.D.	Chas. Culver.
3	aThe An. St. John's.	Kingston.....	First Thursday.....	John Waddell.....	Ino. Sutherland.
5	aSussex.....	Brockville.....	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	John H. Shaver.....	Alex Stewart.
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	Second Wednesday.....	"	S. M. Kenney.....
7	Union.....	Grimsby.....	Thursday on or before f. moon.....	W. F. Clarke.....	G. E. Mason.
9	aUnion.....	Napanee.....	Friday on or before f. moon.....	E. S. Lapum.....	D. Sykes.
10	aNorfolk.....	Simcoe.....	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	R. R. Lennox.	R. R. Lennox.
11	aMoria.....	Belleville.....	Wednesday before f. moon.....	Ias. C. Boyd.....	Ias. C. Boyd.....
14	aTrue Britons.....	Perth.....	First Monday.....	W. P. Kelley.	W. P. Kelley.
15	St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	P. C. Jones.....	Chas. Lokerity.
16	aSt. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	Second Tuesday.....	Peter Hope.....	W. A. Moore.
17	St. John's.....	Cobourg.....	Monday on or before f. moon.....	Geo. Burch.....	Hy. O'Laughlin.
18	aPrince Edward.....	Picton.....	Thursday on or before f. moon.....	Ias. Glanville.....	W. J. Hendry.
20	aSt. Johns.....	London.....	Second Tuesday.....	Geo. R. Ilargriff.....	R. J. Craig.
21a	St. John's.....	Vankleek Hill	Friday on or before f. moon.....	Ias. II. Golden.....	H. Welbanks.
22	aKing Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	Second Thursday.....	John Fairgrieve.....	M. D. Dawson.
23	Richmond.....	Richm'd Hill	Monday on or before f. moon.....	R. H. Marsden.....	John Shields.
24	aSt. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	Friday on or before f. moon.....	Ias. Reeves.....	W. H. Scott.
25	aIonic.....	Toronto.....	First Tuesday.....	Thos. Newton.....	R. E. Law.
26	aOntario.....	Port Hope.....	Third Thursday.....	John A. Houston.....	S. Moag.
27	aStrict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	Third Tuesday.....	F. M. Morson.....	J. H. Patterson.
28	aMount Zion.....	Kempville.....	Wednesday before f. moon.....	W. J. Robertson.....	W. B. Wallace.
29	aUnited.....	Brighton.....	Thursday on or before f. moon.....	P. D. Carse.....	W. C. Morton.
30	aComposite.....	Whitby.....	First Thursday.....	J. B. Thayer.....	W. H. Bottum.
				A. M. Ross.....	F. S. Demorest
					Robt. Willis.

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31	^a Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.	Wednesday on or before f. moon....	monthly T. H. Spyry.....	F. Mason.
32	^a Anity.....	Dunville....	Wednesday on or after f. moon....	" John Taylor.....	J. W. McCallum.
33	^a Maitland.....	Goderich....	Second Tuesday.....	" Jas. Addison.....	W. A. Rynas.
34	^a Thistle.....	Amherstburg.	Tuesday before f. moon.....	" John H. Webber.....	Rich. Elliott.
35	St. John's.....	Cayuga....	Thursday on or after f. moon....	" J. Orans.....	J. H. Cameron.
36	Welland...	Fonthill....	Thursday on or before f. moon....	" J. F. Bradford.....	J. O. Emmett.
37	^a King Hiram....	Ingersoll....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" John Podmore.....	J. P. Boles.
38	^a Trent.....	Trenton....	Tuesday before f. moon....	" Geo. Collins.....	H. O. Hart.
39	^a Mount Zion....	Brooklin....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" Jas. Lawrence.....	R. C. Warren.
40	^a St. John's.....	Hamilton....	Third Thursday.....	" W. J. McAllister.....	John Moodie.
41	^a St. George's.....	Kingsville....	Thursday on or before f. moon....	" E. Ellsworth, M.D.....	J. A. Fitch.
42	^a St. George's.....	London....	First Wednesday	" M. Scarrow.....	A. Ellis, Jr.
43	King Solomon's.....	Woodstock....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" Jos. W. Rippon.....	Geo. J. Fraser.
44	^a St. Thomas'.....	St. Thomas....	First Thursday.....	" Hy. Bradshaw	A. N. Pettit.
45	Brant.....	Brantford....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" Jas. S. Heath.....	Wm. Frank.
46	^a Wellington.....	Chatham....	First Monday.....	" Jas. Birch.....	R. J. Blich.
47	^a Great Western....	Windsor....	Thursday on or before f. moon....	" Thos. McGregor.....	G. T. Wilkie.
48	^a Madoc.....	Madoc	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" Jeff Caverley.....	Jas. O'Hara.
49	^a Consecon.....	Consecon....	Friday on or before f. moon....	" J. H. Thornton.....	F. Jones.
50	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa....	First Tuesday.....	" Geo. Ross.....	Chas. S. Scott.
52	^a Vaughan.....	Maple....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" Jas. H. Kirby.....	A. Carley.
54	^a Merrickville....	Merrickville....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" R. O. Campbell.....	F. M. Whitmarsh.
55	Victoria.....	Sarnia....	Tuesday on or before f. moon....	" Geo. S. Samis.....	Chas. Mole.
56	^a Harmony.....	Binbrook....	Wednesday on or before f. moon....	" Jas. F. Senn.....	M. J. Malloch, M.D.
58	^a Doric.....	Ottawa....	First Friday.....	" R. W. Stephen.....	Chas. Abbott.

61	" <i>Acacia</i>	Hamilton	Second Friday	J. D. Clarke	monthly
62	" <i>St. Andrew's</i>	Caledonia	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	
63	" <i>St. John's</i>	Carleton Pt'ce	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	J. Aldridge, Jr.
64	" <i>Kilwinning</i>	London	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Wm. J. Clark.
65	" <i>Rehoboth</i>	Toronto	Third Thursday	"	Wm. Shanks
66	" <i>Durham</i>	Newcastle	First Thursday	"	Geo. Laing
68	" <i>St. John's</i>	Ingersoll	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	Wm. Baine
69	" <i>Stirling</i>	Stirling	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	A. McBean.
70	" <i>Alma</i>	Galt	Thursday after f. moon	"	D. Allin
72	" <i>St. James'</i>	St. Mary's	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	E. Simmons.
73	" <i>St. John's</i>	Markland	First Monday	"	W. A. Sinclair.
74	" <i>Faithful Brethren</i>	Toronto	Monday nearest f. moon	"	Wm. Ewart.
75	" <i>Oxford</i>	Woodstock	First Monday	"	John Shaw
76	" <i>King Hiram</i>	Lindsay	Second Wednesday	"	W. S. Boardman.
77	" <i>Simcoe</i>	Tilsdonburg	First Friday	"	Chas. Turnbull
79	" <i>Albion</i>	Bradford	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	W. J. Gillies
80	" <i>St. John's</i>	Newbury	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	Wm. Andrews.
81	" <i>St. John's</i>	Mt. Brydges	First Tuesday	"	Cyrus Cole.
82	" <i>St. John's</i>	Paris	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	W. E. Smith.
83	" <i>Beaver</i>	Strathroy	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	W. G. Ritchie.
84	" <i>Clinton</i>	Clinton	Friday on or after f. moon	"	W. M. Davis
85	" <i>Rising Sun</i>	Farmersville	Friday on or before f. moon	"	Sam'l. Armour
86	" <i>Wilson</i>	Toronto	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	A. M. Clark.
87	" <i>Markham Union</i>	Markham	Third Tuesday	"	G. S. Patrick.
88	" <i>St. George's</i>	Owen Sound	Friday on or before f. moon	"	A. G. L. Guy
90	" <i>aManito</i>	Collingwood	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	W. A. Dowler.
91	" <i>aColborne</i>	Colborne	Wednesday on or after f. moon	"	Wm. Kilkenney
92	" <i>aCatarqui</i>	Kingston	Friday on or before f. moon	"	A. E. Boddy.
93	" <i>aNorthern Light</i>	Kincardine	Second Wednesday	"	J. J. Rheintgen
94	" <i>St. Mark's</i>	Port Stanley	First Wednesday	"	J. D. Anderson.
96	" <i>aCorinthian</i>	Barrie	Second Tuesday	"	Wm. Young
97	" <i>aSharon</i>	Sharon	First Thursday	"	H. G. Lindsay.
			Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	C. M. Foley
				"	P. H. Cox.
				"	T. O. Currie
				"	A. A. Cockburn.
				"	John Hunter
				"	Jas. Young.
				"	J. B. Saunders
				"	J. C. Alquire.
				"	Geo. Moir.
				"	T. B. Reive.
				"	J. A. Reesor
				"	D. Morrison
				"	Jno. H. Notter.
				"	Hugh A. Currie
				"	John L. Cox.
				"	G. E. R. Wilson
				"	Geo. Keyes.
				"	Rich. Bunt
				"	D. Callaghan.
				"	Jas. McK. Stewart
				"	R. D. Hall.
				"	D. M. May
				"	J. E. Shepard.
				"	D. F. Macwatt
				"	John Dickinson.
				"	A. Willson
				"	J. C. McCarty.

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98	True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before f. moon	J. R. McEwen	Thos. Fisher
99	Tuscan	Newmarket	Second Wednesday	" J. E. Hollingshead	L. Atkinson
100	Valley	Dundas	Monday on or before f. moon	" W. A. Herald	E. W. Kelk
101	aCorinthian	Peterboro'	Wednesday on or before f. moon	" H. C. Rogers	T. E. Bradburn
103	aMaple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after f. moon	" T. J. Stevenson	J. S. Campbell
104	St. John's	Norwich	Wednesday on or after f. moon	" T. B. Phepoe	I. J. Bannon
105	St. Marks	Nia. Falls Sth	Tuesday on or before f. moon	" Jas. E. Jones	W. A. Kennedy
106	aBurford	Burford	Wednesday on or before f. moon	" W. F. Miles	Albert Foster
107	St. Paul's	Lambeth	Wednesday on or before f. moon	" J. W. Crinklaw	Ino. Thornicroft
108	Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before f. moon	" W. P. Patton	J. F. Goodwin
109	aAlbion	Harrowsmith	Friday on or before f. moon	" B. P. Day	Jas. Cooke
110	aCentral	Prescott	First Tuesday	" H. W. Burnett	H. H. Wells
113	aWilson	Waterford	Wednesday on or before f. moon	" W. Massacar	J. F. Aitken
114	aHope	Port Hope	First Thursday	" G. R. Blackham	J. Harmer
115	IVY	Beamsville	Tuesday on or before f. moon	" John Keith	Jas. Allen
116	aCassia	Thedford	Monday on or before f. moon	" W. N. Ironside	R. J. Parker
118	Union	Schomberg	Monday on or before f. moon	" S. Leatherland	W. J. Brierton
119	aMaple Leaf	Bath	Monday before f. moon	" G. L. Rogers	M. Robinson
120	Warren	Fingal	Tuesday on or before f. moon	" Geo. A. Marlatt	S. E. Burwell
121	aDoric	Brantford	Tuesday after f. moon	" F. C. Heath	P. G. Walsh
122	aRenfrew	Renfrew	First Monday	" Jas. Ward	Jas. Craig
123	The Belleville	Belleville	First Thursday	" W. H. Adams	Hy. Pringle
125	aCornwall	Cornwall	First Tuesday	" Rev. C. B. Pettit	W. J. Wallace
126	aGolden Rule	Campbellford	Tuesday on or before f. moon	" R. H. Bonnycastle	W. G. Armour
127	Franc	Frankford	Monday before f. moon	" W. Scott	N. A. Ponestel

128	<i>a</i> Pembroke	Pembroke	First Thursday	— monthly	Robt. Russell
129	The Rising Sun	Aurora	First Friday	"	C. C. Robinson
131	<i>a</i> St. Lawrence	Southampton	Tuesday on or after f. moon	"	R. Nokes
133	<i>a</i> Lebanon Forest	Exeter	Monday on or before f. moon	"	H. Spackman
135	<i>a</i> St. Clair	Milton	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	J. T. Elliott
136	Richardson	Stouffville	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Wm. Todd
137	<i>a</i> Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday nearest f. moon	"	J. D. Hamill
139	<i>a</i> Lebanon	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	"	Francis Rac, M. D.
140	<i>a</i> Malahide	Aylmer	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Asa Miller
141	<i>a</i> Tudor	Mitchell	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	Wm. Elliott
142	<i>a</i> Excelsior	Morrisburg	Friday on or before f. moon	"	S. B. Fell
143	<i>a</i> Friendly Brothers	Iroquois	Wednesday before f. moon	"	T. S. Edwards
144	<i>a</i> Tecumseh	Stratford	First Thursday	"	Wm. Boles
145	<i>a</i> J. B. Hall	Millbrook	Second Thursday	"	H. Turner, M. D.
146	<i>a</i> Prince of Wales	Newburgh	Wednesday before f. moon	"	G. A. Aylesworth
147	<i>a</i> Mississippi	Almonte	First Friday	"	Wm. Berry
148	<i>a</i> Civil Service	Ottawa	Second Tuesday	"	S. C. D. Roper
149	<i>a</i> Erie	Port Dover	Monday on or before f. moon	"	Robt. Pollock
151	The Grand River	Berlin	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	Le F. A. Maingy
153	<i>a</i> Burns	Wyoming	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	Jas. Corrie
154	<i>a</i> Irving	Lucan	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	Jas. M. Wilson
155	<i>a</i> Peterboro'	Peterboro'	First Friday	"	C. C. Hodgins
156	<i>a</i> York	Eglington	Friday on or before f. moon	"	David Spence
157	Simpson	Newboro'	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	J. H. McKenzie
158	<i>a</i> Alexandra	Oil Springs	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	Robt. H. Preston
159	<i>a</i> Goodwood	Richmond	First Tuesday	"	R. W. Corsline
161	<i>a</i> Percy	Warkworth	Wednesday before f. moon	"	Robt. Hill
162	Forest	Wroxeter	Monday on or before f. moon	"	T. G. Smith
164	<i>a</i> Star in the East	Wellington	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	Jas. Ireland
165	<i>a</i> Burlington	Burlington	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	F. C. Spencer
166	<i>a</i> Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Monday on or before f. moon	"	H. E. Cotter
168	<i>a</i> Merritt	Welland	Monday on or before f. moon	"	Geo. Milien
					D. R. Pursell
					S. J. Sidney

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169	aMacnab	Pt. Colborne	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	D. W. McKay.....	John C. McRae
170	aBritannia	Seaforth	First Monday	"	W. J. Fear
171	aPrince of Wales	Iona	Friday on or after f. moon	"	John Steel
172	aAyr	Ayr	Tuesday on or before f. moon	M. McIntyre	Arch. McCallum
174	aWalshingham	Port Rowan	Thursday on or before f. moon	W. Willison	A. J. Reid
176	Spartan	Sparta	Monday on or before f. moon	E. Smith	Wm. Ross
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	Monday on or before f. moon	J. Bailey	F. A. Henderson
178	aPlattsville	Plattsville	Second Friday	H. H. Cairns	Geo. McNeill
180	aSpeed	Guelph	Friday on or before f. moon	Geo. Veitch	Geo. Saur
181	aOriental	Port Burwell	First Tuesday	Wm. Ross	Wm. Gibson
183	aPrince Albert	Port Perry	Tuesday on or before f. moon	W. S. Davidson	D. M. Clute
184	aOld Light	Lucknow	Friday on or before f. moon	Wm. Spence	Jas. Bard
185	aEmiskillen	York	Thursday on or before f. moon	W. J. Brumpton	R. Findlater
186	aPlantagenet	Plantagenet	Monday on or before f. moon	John Senn	Wm. Clarke
190	Belmont	Belmont	Monday on or before f. moon	E. G. P. Saunderson	W. A. Chamberlain
192	aOrillia	Orillia	Friday on or before f. moon	G. W. Francis	John Boyd
193	aScotland	Scotland	Friday on or after f. moon	W. Sherman	Wm. Ironsides
194	aPetrolia	Petrolia	Monday on or before f. moon	L. A. Vinegarden	C. L. Merritt
195	aThe Tuscan	London	Second Wednesday	John Sinclair	Isaac Erb
196	aMadawaska	Arnprior	First Monday	C. E. Fisher	R. B. Hungerford
197	aSaugeen	Walkerton	Thursday on or before f. moon	Arch. Hcod	J. E. Thompson
200	St. Alban's	Mount Forest	Second Tuesday	R. B. Hughes	J. R. Hartley
201	aLeeds	Gananoque	Friday on or before f. moon	R. O. Kilgour	Thos. G. Smith
203	Irvine	EIora	Friday before f. moon	A. C. Watt	Jas. Hayward
205	New Dominion	N. Hamburg	Monday on or after f. moon	Jos. Clarke	Jno. MacDonald
				D. E. Brooke	Wm. Miller

207	<i>a</i> Lancaster	Lancaster	Wednesday on or before f. moon.. —monthly	J. P. Snider.....	Jas. Urquhart
209	<i>a</i> St. John's	London	Second Thursday.....	" Geo. C. Davis.....	Jno. Siddons
209	<i>a</i> Evergreen	Lanark	First Tuesday.....	" W. A. Field	Alex. Cameron
212	<i>a</i> Elysian	Garden Island	First Monday	" T. C. Smith.....	Abraham Malone
214	<i>a</i> Craig	Ailsa Craig	Monday on or after f. moon.....	" J. R. Anderson	J. T. Owen
215	<i>a</i> Lake	Ameliasburg	Monday on or before f. moon.....	" H. G. Stafford.....	H. G. DeLong
216	<i>a</i> Marris	Orangeville	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	" Jos. Riddell.....	W. A. McLinn
217	<i>a</i> Frederick	Delhi	Monday on or before f. moon.....	" W. A. Ferguson	H. C. Hilliker
218	<i>a</i> Stevenson	Toronto	Second Monday	" Jno. Nicholson	Hy. Kerrison
219	<i>a</i> Credit	Georgetown	Friday on or before f. moon.....	" W. P. Moore	Thos. J. Wheeler
220	<i>a</i> Zeradiatha	Uxbridge	Monday on or before f. moon.....	" Geo. Hobson	W. T. Hastie
221	<i>a</i> Mountain	Thorold	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	" Rod'k Campbell	W. T. Fish
222	<i>a</i> Marmora	Marmora	Tuesday before f. moon.....	" R. B. Prout	D. Mitchell
223	<i>a</i> Norwood	Norwood	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	" W. E. Roxburgh	W. H. Stephenson
224	<i>a</i> Zurich	Hensall	Thursday on or before f. moon.....	" C. Benedict	Jas. Bonhron
225	<i>a</i> Bernard	Listowel	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	" J. B. Dinkell	W. R. Clayton
228	<i>a</i> Prince Arthur	Odessa	Monday after f. moon.....	" L. Hartman	J. W. Denyes
229	<i>a</i> lonic	Brampton	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	" A. McKechnie	P. H. Faquier
230	Kerr	Barrie	Fourth Monday	" R. E. Fletcher	D. C. Murchison
231	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	Third Tuesday	" W. W. Jessop	E. C. Roper
232	<i>a</i> Cameron	Wallacetown	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	" R. Jordan	A. W. Bowby
233	<i>a</i> Doric	Park Hill	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	" Wm. Dawson	D. H. Cameron
234	<i>a</i> Beaver	Clarksburg	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	" C. W. Hartman	J. H. Dickinson
235	Aldworth	Paisley	Friday on or before f. moon.....	" W. W. Brown	A. Megraw
236	<i>a</i> Manitoba	Coolestown	Tuesday on or after f. moon.....	" Robt. McCluskey	T. S. Patterson
237	Vienna	Vienna	Friday before f. moon.....	" John H. Teall	Geo. Thornton
238	Havelock	Watford	Tuesday before f. moon.....	" Samuel Howden	Ino. Cameron
239	Tweed	Tweed	Friday on or before f. moon.....	" W. T. Easterbrook	Wm. Wray
241	<i>a</i> Quinte	Shannonville	Tuesday on or after f. moon.....	" John Kemp	M. B. Lake
242	<i>a</i> Macoy	Mallorytown	Monday on or before f. moon.....	" J. C. Dickey	H. Griffin
243	<i>a</i> St. George	St. George	Thursday on or before f. moon.....	" J. P. Lawrason	Chas. Haas
245	Tecumseh	Thamesville	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	" B. Gregory	Jno. Davidson

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247	Ashlar	Toronto	Fourth Tuesday	G. S. Pearcey.....	J. Littlejohn
249	^a Caledonian	Midland	Second Tuesday	"	R. Raikes, M. D.
250	Thistle	Embro	Thursday on or before f. moon	Alex. Burton.....	Alex. Burton
253	^a Minden	Kingston	First Monday	G. M. Creighton.....	G. M. Creighton
254	Clifton	Niag. Falls	Thursday on or before f. moon	Henry Morwat	T. Holahan
255	Sydenham	Dresden	Wednesday on or after f. moon	Alex. Logan	J. B. Reid
256	^a Farran's Point	Farran's Pt	First Wednesday	H. Preston	H. Preston
257	^a Galt	Galt	First Tuesday	J. B. Carscallen	H. J. French
258	Guelph	Guelph	Second Tuesday	H. R. Hanes	C. C. Farran, Jr.
259	Springfield	Springfield	Monday on or before f. moon	W. F. Mitchell	W. F. Mitchell
260	^a Washington	Petrolia	First Tuesday	Wm. Stuart	Thos Cowan
261	Oak Branch	Innerkip	Thursday before f. moon	G. J. Brill	G. J. Brill
262	^a Harriston	Harriston	Monday on or after f. moon	H. F. Housberger	J. B. Lucas
263	^a Forest	Forest	Wednesday on or before f. moon	E. G. Scott	E. G. Scott
264	^a Chaudiere	Ottawa	Fourth Tuesday	D. Leitch	A. J. Ferran
265	Patterson	Thornhill	Thursday on or before f. moon	F. D. Ramsay	Ino. McFarlane
266	^a Northern Light	Stayner	Tuesday before f. moon	W. D. McLellan	W. D. McLellan
267	^a Parthenon	Chatham	First Wednesday	W. D. Griggs	P. W. Campbell
268	^a Veteran	Bobcaygeon	Last Friday	T. T. Stoddart	T. T. Stoddart
269	^a Brougham Union	Brougham	Wednesday on or after f. moon	W. A. Bangs	W. A. Bangs
270	Cedar	Oshawa	Fourth Tuesday	J. E. Knox	J. E. Knox
271	Wellington	Erin	Wednesday on or before f. moon	W. B. Sanders	J. C. Steele
272	Seymour	Ancaster	Wednesday on or before f. moon	J. B. Rankin	J. H. Jacks
274	^a Kent	Blenheim	Monday on or before f. moon	Wm. Farmcomb	A. M. Smith
276	^a Teeswater	Teeswater	[Friday on or before f. moon	R. Ventress	R. Ventress
				Robert W. Ward	Robert W. Ward
				G. J. Scott	D. W. Ferrier
				T. N. Wansburgh	L. K. Murton
				Rev. W. R. Clark	Wm. Conby
				T. L. Pardo	Geo. Moore
				P. Haggart	P. Haggart
				W. H. Carter	J. Whytock

277	<i>a</i> Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie. Wednesday on or before f. moon..	—monthly	John Green	A. Kelly
278	Mystic	Roslin	“	J. A. McMullen	C. Hudson, Jr.
279	New Hope	Hespeler	Thursday before f. moon..	J. A. Jardine	Chris. Pabst
282	Lone	Glencoe	Wednesday on or before f. moon..	Wm. Jardine	Wm. Jardine
283	<i>a</i> Eureka	Belleville	Thursday on or before f. moon..	W. G. Lumley	J. Huston
284	<i>a</i> St. John's	Brussels	Wednesday after f. moon..	R. C. Hulme	W. J. Diamond
285	Seven Star	Alliston	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	J. R. Grant	John Shaw
286	<i>a</i> Wingham	Wingham	Wednesday before f. moon..	Wm. Wright	H. McC. Wright
287	<i>a</i> Shuniah	P. Arthur	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	E. L. Dickinson	J. A. Morton
289	<i>a</i> Doric	Lobo	Thursday on or before f. moon..	J. E. Johnston	Geo. Mooring
290	<i>a</i> Leamington	Leamington	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	A. McGugan	J. Irvine
291	<i>a</i> Dufferin	W. Flamboro'	Thursday on or before f. moon..	G. C. Foster	P. H. Martin
292	<i>a</i> Robertson	Nobleton	Thursday on or before f. moon..	Wm. Clark	Alfred Jones
293	<i>a</i> The Royal Sol. Mthr	Jerusalem Pal.	Wednesday on or before f. moon..	A. Campbell	K. Beaton
294	<i>a</i> Moore	Moretown	First Wednesday	J. H. Ogilvie	P. Vernier
295	Conestogo	Drayton	Thursday on or before f. moon..	M. Day	Ino. McRae
296	<i>a</i> Temple	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or after f. moon..	W. H. Smith	John Gordon
297	Preston	Last Wednesday	Wednesday on or before f. moon..	J. R. Seymour	J. C. Morris
299	Victoria	Preston	Friday on or before f. moon	W. D. Hepburn	J. Balzer
300	Mount Olivet	Centreville	Thursday on or before f. moon	J. M. Lockridge	Robt. Cox
302	St. David's	Thordale	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	W. H. Salmon	M. N. Wright
303	<i>a</i> Blyth	St. Thomas	Third Thursday	Jas. Sherman	Alex. Hess
304	<i>a</i> Minerva	Blyth	Tuesday on or after f. moon..	D. D. Carder	Chas. E. Tanner
305	<i>a</i> Number	Strond	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	R. G. McCraw	Thos. Brunskill, M.D.
306	Durham	Weston	Wednesday on or before f. moon..	John Linton	R. H. Leighton
307	<i>a</i> Arkona	Durham	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	H. W. Mockler	Geo. Russell
308	<i>a</i> Grafton	Arkon	Thursday on or before f. moon..	Jas. Jackson	Nelson George
309	<i>a</i> Morning Star	Grafton	Tuesday on or before f. moon..	W. W. Boyce, M. D.	Wm. Lawless
311	<i>a</i> Blackwood	Smith's Hill	Wednesday on or before f. moon..	Alex. McKenzie	D. E. Munro
312	<i>a</i> Pnyx	Woodbridge	Friday on or before f. moon..	J. O. Orr	T. A. Agar
313	<i>a</i> Clementi	Wallaceburg	Monday on or before f. moon..	Samuel Stewart	E. Stevens
314	<i>a</i> Bair	Lakefield	First Tuesday	S. Sheldrake	R. Q. Dench
		Palmerston	Friday after f. moon..	R. Doherty	J. L. Dixon

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315	Clifford	Clifford	Third Monday.....	Jas. S. Dewar.....	E. Totton
316	<i>a</i> Doric	Toronto	Third Thursday	"	R. F. Williams.....
318	Wilmot	Baden	Friday on or after f. moon	"	Harry Leeson
319	<i>a</i> Hiram	Hagersville	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	W. H. Erbach
320	<i>a</i> Chesterville	Chesterville	Monday on or before f. moon	"	J. E. Brent
			Monday on or before f. moon	"	Geo. Sherk, M. D.
			Monday on or before f. moon	"	J. A. Beattie
			Monday on or before f. moon	"	Miles Brown, M. D.
			Monday on or before f. moon	"	J. G. Gillespie
			Monday on or before f. moon	"	Jos. Anderson
			Monday on or before f. moon	"	W. R. Kenney
321	<i>a</i> Walker	Action West	Wednesday after f. moon	"	Thos. Kennedy
322	<i>a</i> North Star	Owen Sound	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	J. C. Forster
323	<i>a</i> Alvinston	Alvinston	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Rich. Code
324	<i>a</i> Temple	Hamilton	Second Tuesday	"	P. E. Fitzpatrick
325	<i>a</i> Orono	Orono	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	E. G. Kittson, M.D.
326	<i>a</i> Zetland	Toronto	Fourth Monday	"	W. J. Armstrong
327	The Hammond	Wardsville	Third Tuesday	"	H. A. Taylor
328	Ionic	Napier	Friday before f. moon	"	G. M. Furnival
329	<i>a</i> King Solomon	Jarvis	Friday on or before f. moon	"	D. Johnson
330	<i>a</i> Corinthian	London East	First Tuesday	"	G. B. Fleming
331	Fordwich	Fordwich	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	W. L. Toohil
332	Stratford	Stratford	Second Monday	"	H. Thompson
333	Prince Arthur	Flesherton	Friday on or before f. moon	"	H. J. Grassett
334	<i>a</i> Prince Arthur	Arthur	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	David Hill
335	<i>a</i> Langton	Langton	Monday on or before f. moon	"	Peter Toll
336	<i>a</i> Highbate	Highgate	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	J. J. Cuthbertson
337	<i>a</i> Myrtle	Pt. Robinson	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	A. C. Hutchison
338	Dufferin	Wellandport	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	W. G. Mowat
339	<i>a</i> Orient	Don Mount	First Tuesday	"	I. Baker
340	<i>a</i> St. John's	Pittsburg	Wednesday before f. moon	"	R. J. Sproule
			"	"	J. T. Neil
			"	"	O. D. Dewitt
			"	"	G. E. Smith
			"	"	John Murray
			"	"	J. D. Gillis
			"	"	C. B. Bennett
			"	"	Thos. Sowersby
			"	"	J. E. Cohoe
			"	"	D. C. Holmes
			"	"	F. H. Anderson
			"	"	G. E. Pelter
			"	"	Rev. John Gallaher ..
			"	"	Alf. Brown

341	aPruce	Tiverton	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	J. B. Walker
342	Hiram	Wolfe Island	Friday on or before f. moon.....	D. Cattanach.....
343	Georgina	Sutton	Thursday on or after f. moon.....	R. Home
344	Merrill	Dorchest'r Sta.....	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	Ezra Grant.....
345	Nilestown	Nilestown	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	W. H. Wismer
346	aOccident	Toronto	First Wednesday.....	A. Graham.....
347	aMercer	Fergus	Thursday after f. moon.....	E. T. Shaw
348	aGeorgian	'Penatang'sh'n	Thursday on or before f. moon.....	J. Wilson.....
352	aGranite	Parry Sound	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	A. R. Rowat
354	aBrock	Cannington	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	G. M. Donovan.....
356	aRiver Park.....	Streetsville	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	J. L. Bird
357	Waterdown	Watertown	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	Jas. Philip.....
358	aDelaware Valley	Delaware	Friday on or before f. moon.....	C. McGibbon.....
359	aVittoria	Vittoria	Friday on or before f. moon.....	H. Jennings
360	Muskoka	Bracebridge	Friday on or before f. moon.....	D. Macfarlane
361	aWaverley	Guelph	Fourth Tuesday	D. M. Whellock
362	aMaple Leaf	Tara	Monday on or before f. moon.....	M. L. Nutting.....
363	aFrontenac	Cataractaqui	Tuesday on or before f. moon.....	P. M. Whittington
364	aDufferin	Melbourne	Wednesday on or before f. moon.....	A. Findlay.....
366	aEuclid	Strathroy	Thursday before f. moon.....	F. W. Morgan
367	St. George	Toronto	First Friday	W. S. Featherstone..
368	Salem	Brockville	Second Monday	J. D. Courtenay
369	aMinico	Lambton	Tuesday before f. moon	R. A. Upholme
370	Harmony	Delta	Wednesday on or after f. moon	H. C. Garnett
371	aPrince of Wales	Ottawa	Fourth Friday	J. E. Butler
372	aPalmer	Victoria	Tuesday on or after f. moon	D. W. McCall
373	aCopestone	Welland	First Thursday	J. D. Bastedo
374	aKeene	Keene	Thursday on or before f. moon	H. Gunner
375	aLorne	Omemee	First Thursday	Arch. Little
376	aUnity	Huntsville	First Wednesday	A. McCullough
377	aLorne	Shelburne	Wednesday after f. moon	C. E. Start
378	aKing Solomon's... Petersville...	Petersville...	Third Wednesday	J. L. Haycock
				D. A. Sinclair
				Thos. Cooper
				R. S. McGowan
				L. B. Montgomery
				M. Vokes
				G. W. McEachron
				P. Perry
				Jas. Sabiston
				J. A. Russell
				J. W. Turley
				J. J. Mulligan
				Jas. Shirton
				Wm. Thompson
				Thos. Main
				W. D. Kerr
				C. Cornell
				Chas. Ivory
				A. Denton
				J. R. Reece
				Ben. Tansley
				A. Smith
				Wm. Nicholl

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379	^a Middlesex	Bryanston	Wednesday on or before f. moon.. —monthly	W. Simbert	J. Nicholson
380	^a Union	London	Second Monday	R. B. Walker	Geo. Hampton
382	Doric	Hamilton	Third Monday	Geo. Purrott	Jas. Dixon
383	^a Henderson	W. Winchester	First Tuesday	David Wishart	R. Reddick, M. D.
384	^a Alpha	Parkdale	First Thursday	G. S. Booth	W. H. Allison
385	^a Spry	Betton	Wednesday on or after f. moon	Jos. Wright	Jos. Wright
386	^a McColl	West Lorne	Wednesday after f. moon	I. J. Stalker	R. McFate
387	^a Lansdowne	Lansdowne	Thursday on or before f. moon	Rev. S. Tighe, A. B.	Chas. Stewart
388	Henderson	Ilfordon	Monday on or before f. moon	John Noble	L. Patric
389	^a Crystal Fountain	N. Augusta	Wednesday on or before f. moon	W. H. Love	J. Forrest
390	Florence	Florence	Thursday on or before f. moon	Walter Drew	H. Willson
391	^a Howard	Ridgeway	Monday on or before f. moon	M. G. Hay	W. H. Ellsworth
392	^a Huron	Camlachie	Wednesday on or after f. moon	J. K. Cairns	J. Anderson
393	Forest	Chesley	First Tuesday	J. M. Stewart, M. D.	John Clark
394	King Solomon	Thamesford	Wednesday on or after f. moon	D. McMillan	Jas. Boigent
395	Parvain	Comber	Thursday on or before f. moon	A. J. Brown	C. W. Scherer
396	^a Cedar	Wharton	Tuesday on or before f. moon	John Irwin	D. H. Jermyn
397	^a Leopold	Brigden	Wednesday on or before f. moon	H. J. Leacock	W. J. Ward
398	Victoria	Victoria Road	Second Tuesday	Andrew Paterson	L. Macbeth
399	Moffat	Harrietsville	Wednesday on or before f. moon	Reuben Lane	W. W. Jelly
400	^a Oakville	Oakville	Tuesday on or before f. moon	Thos. Howarth	W. S. Davis
401	^a Craig	Desoronto	First Tuesday	Rev. R. J. Craig	W. D. McRae
402	^a Central	Essex Centre	Wednesday on or before f. moon	W. H. Richardson	Geo. Laing
403	^a Windsor	Windsor	First Friday	J. G. Morgan	Geo. D. Adams
404	Lorne	Tamworth	Third Tuesday	J. H. McLaughlin	C. S. Wheeler

405	<i>a</i> Mattawa	Mattawa.....	First Tuesday	—monthly	R. A. Klock	Jno. de Sonsa
406	<i>a</i> The Spy	Fenelon Falls.....	First Friday	"	H. H. Graham	Jas. Arnold
407	<i>a</i> Manitoulin	Gore Bay	Monday on or after f. moon	"	I. Johnston, M. D.	I. Currie
408	<i>a</i> Murray	Beaverton.....	First Wednesday	"	Wm. Turner, Jr.	D. B. Dover
409	<i>a</i> Golden Rule	Gravenhurst	Monday on or before f. moon	"	J. C. Anderson	A. A. Mowry
410	<i>a</i> Zeta	Parkdale	Fourth Thursday	"	W. R. Cavell	E. H. Mingay
411	<i>a</i> Rodney	Rodney	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	S. M. Dorland, M. D.	Wm. Morris
412	<i>a</i> Keystone	S. St. Marie	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	Fred. Rogers	T. H. Elliott
413	<i>a</i> Naphthali	TilburyCentre	Tuesday on or before f. moon	"	W. D. Smith	Jas. F. Falls
414	<i>a</i> Pequonga	Rat Portage	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	D. Campbell	D. H. Currie
415	<i>a</i> Fort William	Fort William	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Fred C. Perry	A. McDougall
416	<i>a</i> Lyn	Lyn	Tuesday on or after f. moon	"	C. W. Bullock	O. Mallory
417	<i>a</i> Keewatin	Keewatin Mis.	First Friday	"	E. Newell	A. Neill
418	<i>a</i> Maxville	Maxville	Second Friday	"	Hugh McLean	Peter J. McEwen
419	<i>a</i> Bismarck	Point Edward	Second Monday	"	Jas. McIntyre	Jas. Fraser
420	<i>a</i> Nipissing	North Bay	Thursday on or before f. moon	"	W. H. Port	W. H. Illovey, M.D.
421	<i>a</i> Scott	Grand Valley	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	R. R. Hopkins, M. D.	Geo. H. Cooper
422	Star of the East	Bothwell	Wednesday on or before f. moon	"	Geo. Mansfield	S. J. Thomas

LIST OF LODGES—BY DISTRICTS.

ERIE DISTRICT NO. 1. (23.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. A. H. Clarke,	Essex Centre.
No. 34, Thistle	Amherstburg.
" 41, St. George.....	Kingsville.
" 46, Wellington.....	Chatham.
" 47, Great Western	Windsor.
" 80, Albion	Newbury.
" 245, Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.
" 255, Sydenham	Dresden.
" 267, Parthenon.....	Chatham.
" 274, Kent	Blenheim.
" 282, Lorne	Glencoe.
" 290, Leamington	Leamington.
" 312, Pynx.....	Wallaceburg.
" 327, The Hammond.....	Wardsville.
" 336, Highgate	Highgate.
" 386, McColl.....	West Lorne.
" 390, Florence.....	Florence.
" 391, Howard	Ridgetown.
" 395, Parvaim	Comber.
" 402, Central	Essex Centre.
" 403, Windsor.....	Windsor.
" 411, Rodney	Rodney.
" 413, Naphtali.....	Tilbury Centre.
" 422, Star of the East.....	Bothwell.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT NO. 2. (19.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. J. P. Whitehead, Strathroy.

No. 56, Victoria.....	Sarnia.
" 81, St. John's	Mt. Brydges.
" 83, Beaver.....	Strathroy.
" 116, Cassia	Thedford.
" 153, Burns	Wyoming.
" 158, Alexandra	Oil Springs.
" 194, Petrolia.....	Petrolia.

No. 238,	Havelock	Watford.
" 260,	Washington	Petrolia.
" 263,	Forest	Forest.
" 294,	Moore	Mooretown.
" 307,	Arkona	Arkona
" 323,	Alvinston	Alvinston.
" 328,	Ionic	Napier.
" 364,	Dufferin	Melbourne.
" 366,	Euclid	Strathroy.
" 392,	Huron	Camlachie,
" 397,	Leopold	Brigden.
" 419,	Bismarck	Point Edward.

LONDON DISTRICT NO. 3. (29.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. B. Doherty, St. Thomas.

No. 20,	St. John's	London.
" 42,	St. George's	London.
" 44,	St. Thomas	St. Thomas.
" 64,	Kilwinning	London.
" 94,	St. Mark's	Port Stanley.
" 107,	St. Paul's	Lambeth.
" 120,	Warren	Fingal.
" 140,	Malahide	Aylmer.
" 171,	Prince of Wales	Iona.
" 176,	Spartan	Sparta.
" 190,	Belmont	Belmont.
" 195,	Tuscan	London.
" 209a,	St. John's	London.
" 232,	Cameron	Wallacetown.
" 259,	Springfield	Springfield.
" 289,	Doric	Lobo.
" 300,	Mt. Olivet	Thorndale.
" 302,	St. David's	St. Thomas.
" 330,	Corinthian	London East.
" 344,	Merrill	Dorchester Station.
" 345,	Nilestown	Nilestown.
" 349,	Elgin	St. Thomas.
" 358,	Delaware Valley	Delaware.

No. 378,	King Solomon's.....	Petersville.
" 379,	Middlesex.....	Bryanston.
" 380,	Union	London.
" 388,	Henderson.....	Ilderton.
" 394,	King Solomon	Thamesford.
" 399,	Moffat	Harrietsville.

SOUTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 4. (16.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. G. Duff, Seaforth.

No. 33,	Maitland.....	Goderich.
" 73,	St. James.....	St. Mary's.
" 84,	Clinton.....	Clinton.
" 133,	Lebanon Forest.....	Exeter.
" 141,	Tudor.....	Mitchell.
" 144,	Tecumseh.....	Stratford.
" 154,	Irving.....	Lucan.
" 170,	Britannia	Seaforth.
" 205,	New Dominion.....	New Hamburg.
" 214,	Craig	Ailsa Craig.
" 224,	Zurich.....	Hensall.
" 233,	Doric.....	Park Hill.
" 303,	Blyth.....	Blyth.
" 309,	Morning Star.....	Smith's Hill.
" 318,	Wilmot.....	Baden.
" 332,	Stratford.....	Stratford.

NORTH HURON DISTRICT NO. 5. (15.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. R. C. Bruce, Tara.

No. 93,	Northern Light	Kincardine.
" 131,	St. Lawrence	Southampton.
" 162,	Forest.....	Wroxeter.
" 184,	Old Light.....	Lucknow.
" 197,	Saugeen	Walkerton.
" 225,	Bernard	Listowel.
" 235,	Aldworth	Paisley.
" 276,	Teeswater.....	Teeswater.
" 284,	St. John's.....	Brussels.
" 286,	Wingham	Wingham.

No. 331,	Fordwich	Fordwich.
" 341,	Bruce	Tiverton.
" 362,	Maple Leaf	Tara.
" 393,	Forest	Chesley.
" 396,	Cedar	Wiarton.

WILSON DISTRICT NO. 6. (21.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. H. Hunter, Woodstock.

No. 10,	Norfolk	Simcoe.
" 37,	King Hiram	Ingersoll.
" 43,	King Solomon	Woodstock.
" 68,	St. John's	Ingersoll.
" 76,	Oxford	Woodstock.
" 78,	King Hiram	Tilsonburg.
" 82,	St. John's	Paris.
" 104,	St. John's	Norwich.
" 106,	Burford	Burford.
" 108,	Blenheim	Drumbo.
" 113,	Wilson	Waterford.
" 149,	Erie	Port Dover.
" 174,	Walsingham	Port Rowan.
" 178,	Plattsburgh	Plattsburgh.
" 181,	Oriental	Port Burwell.
" 193,	Scotland	Scotland.
" 217,	Frederick	Delhi.
" 237,	Vienna	Vienna.
" 250,	Thistle	Embro.
" 261,	Oak Branch	Innerkip.
" 335,	Langton	Langton.
" 359,	Vittoria	Vittoria.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT NO. 7. (21.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. David Forsyth, Berlin.

No. 72,	Alma	Galt.
" 151,	The Grand River	Berlin.
" 172,	Ayr	Ayr.
" 180,	Speed	Guelph.

No. 200, St. Alban's.....	Mount Forest.
" 203, Irvine.....	Elora
" 216, Harris.....	Orangeville.
" 257, Galt.....	Galt.
" 258, Guelph.....	Guelph.
" 262, Harriston.....	Harriston.
" 271, Wellington.....	Erin.
" 279, New Hope.....	Hespeler.
" 295, Conestogo.....	Drayton.
" 297, Preston.....	Preston.
" 306, Durham.....	Durham.
" 314, Blair	Palmerston.
" 315, Clifford	Clifford.
" 334, Prince Arthur.....	Arthur.
" 347, Mercer	Fergus.
" 361, Waverley.....	Guelph.
" 421, Scott	Grand Valley.

HAMILTON DISTRICT NO. 8. (21.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. John Malloy, Hamilton.

No. 6, Barton	Hamilton.
" 27, Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.
" 40, St. John's.....	Hamilton.
" 45, Brant.....	Brantford.
" 57, Harmony	Binbrook.
" 61, Acacia.....	Hamilton.
" 62, St. Andrew's	Caledonia.
" 100, Valley.....	Dundas.
" 121, Doric	Brantford.
" 135, St. Clair.....	Milton.
" 165, Burlington.....	Burlington.
" 166, Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.
" 219, Credit.....	Georgetown.
" 243, St. George.....	St. George.
" 272, Seymour.....	Ancaster.
" 291, Dufferin	West Flamboro'.
" 321, Walker	Acton West.
" 324, Temple.....	Hamilton.

No. 357, Waterdown	Waterdown.
" 382, Doric	Hamilton.
" 400, Oakville	Oakville.

GEORGIAN DISTRICT, No. 9. (23.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Thomas McCarroll, Meaford.

No. 79, Simcoe	Bradford.
" 88, St. George's	Owen Sound.
" 90, Manito	Collingwood.
" 96, Corinthian	Barrie.
" 98, True Blue	Albion.
" 137, Pythagoras	Meaford.
" 192, Orillia	Orillia.
" 230, Kerr	Barrie.
" 234, Beaver	Clarksburg.
" 236, Manitoba	Cookstown.
" 249, Caledonian	Midland.
" 266, Northern	Stayner.
" 285, Seven Star	Alliston.
" 304, Minerva	Stroud.
" 322, North Star	Owen Sound.
" 333, Prince Arthur	Flesherton.
" 348, Georgian	Penetanguishene.
" 352, Granite	Parry Sound.
" 360, Muskoka	Bracebridge.
" 375, Unity	Huntsville.
" 377, Lorne	Shelburne.
" 385, Spry	Beeton.
" 409, Golden Rule	Gravenhurst.

NIAGARA DISTRICT, No. 10. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Win. Jaques, M. D., Jarvis.

No. 2, Niagara	Niagara.
" 7, Union	Grimsby.
" 15, St. George's	St. Catharines.
" 32, Amity	Dunnville.
" 35, St. John's	Cayuga.
" 36, Welland	Fonthill.

No. 103,	Maple Leaf	St. Catharines.
" 105,	St. Mark's	Drummondville.
" 115,	Ivy	Beamsville.
" 168,	Merritt	Welland.
" 169,	Macnab	Port Colborne.
" 185,	Enniskillen	York.
" 221,	Mountain	Thorold.
" 254,	Clifton	Niagara Falls.
" 277,	Seymour	Port Dalhousie.
" 296,	Temple	St. Catharines.
" 319,	Hiram	Hagersville.
" 329,	King Solomon	Jarvis.
" 337,	Myrtle	Port Robinson.
" 338,	Dufferin	Wellandport.
" 372,	Palmer	Victoria.
" 373,	Copestone	Welland.

TORONTO DISTRICT, No. 11. (35.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. Wm. Roaf, Toronto.

No. 16,	St. Andrew's	Toronto.
" 22,	King Solomon's	Toronto.
" 23,	Richmond	Richmond Hill.
" 25,	Ionic	Toronto.
" 54,	Vaughan	Maple.
" 65,	Rehoboam	Toronto.
" 75,	St. John's	Toronto.
" 86,	Wilson	Toronto.
" 87,	Markham Union	Markham.
" 97,	Sharon	Sharon.
" 99,	Tuscan	Newmarket.
" 118,	Union	Schomberg.
" 129,	The Rising Sun	Aurora.
" 136,	Richardson	Stouffville.
" 156,	York	Eglington.
" 218,	Stevenson	Toronto.
" 220,	Zeredatha	Uxbridge.
" 229,	Ionic	Brampton.
" 247,	Ashlar	Toronto.

No. 265, Patterson	Thornhill.
" 269, Brougham Union	Brougham.
" 292, Robertson	Nobleton.
" 305, Humber	Wéston.
" 311, Blackwood	Woodbridge.
" 316, Doric	Toronto.
" 326, Zetland	Toronto.
" 339, Orient.....	Toronto.
" 343, Georgina	Sutton West.
" 346, Occident	Toronto.
" 354, Brock	Cannington.
" 356, River Park.....	Streetsville.
" 367, St. George	Toronto.
" 369, Mimico	Lambton.
" 384, Alpha	Parkdale.
" 410, Zeta	Parkdale.

ONTARIO DISTRICT, No 12. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. R. Howse, Whitby.

No. 26, Ontario	Port Hope.
" 30, Composite.	Whitby.
" 31, Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.
" 39, Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.
" 66, Durham..	Newcastle.
" 77, Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.
" 101, Corinthian.....	Peterborough.
" 114, Hope.....	Port Hope.
" 139, Lebanon.....	Oshawa.
" 145, J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.
" 155, Peterborough.....	Peterborough.
" 183, Prince Albert.....	Port Perry.
" 223, Norwood.....	Norwood.
" 268, Verulam.....	Bobcaygeon.
" 270, Cedar.....	Oshawa.
" 313, Clementi.....	Lakefield.
" 325, Orono.....	Orono.
" 374, Keene.....	Keene.
" 375, Lorne.....	Omemee.

No. 398, Victoria	Victoria Road.
" 406, The Spry	Fenelon Falls.
" 408, Murray	Beaverton.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT, No. 13. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. P. J. Lightburne, Cobourg.

No. 11, Moira	Belleville.
" 17, St. John's	Cobourg.
" 18, Prince Edward	Picton.
" 29, United	Brighton.
" 38, Trent	Trenton.
" 48, Madoc	Madoc.
" 50, Consecon	Consecon.
" 69, Stirling	Stirling.
" 91, Colborne	Colborne.
" 123, The Belleville	Belleville.
" 126, Golden Rule	Campbellford.
" 127, Franck	Frankfort.
" 161, Percy	Warkworth.
" 164, Star in the East	Wellington.
" 215, Lake	Ameliasburg.
" 222, Marmora	Marmora.
" 239, Tweed	Tweed.
" 241, Quinte	Shannonville.
" 278, Mystic	Roslin.
" 283, Eureka	Belleville.
" 308, Grafton	Grafton.
" 401, Craig	Deseronto.

FRONTENAC DISTRICT, No. 14. (17.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. H. J. Wilkinson, Kingston.

No. 3, The Ancient St. John's	Kingston.
" 9, Union	Napanee.
" 92, Cataraqui	Kingston.
" 109, Albion	Harrowsmith.
" 119, Maple Leaf	Bath.
" 146, Prince of Wales	Newburgh.
" 157, Simpson	Newboro.

No. 189, Filius Viduæ	Adolphustown.
" 201, Leeds	Gananoque.
" 212, Elysian	Garden Island.
" 229, Prince Arthur	Odessa.
" 253, Minden	Kingston.
" 299, Victoria	Centreville.
" 340, St. John's	Pittsburg.
" 342, Hiram	Wolfe Island.
" 363, Frontenac	Cataraqui.
" 404, Lorne	Tamworth.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT, NO. 15. (22.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson, Brockville.

No. 5, Sussex	Brockville.
" 14, True Britons	Perth.
" 24, St. Francis	Smith's Falls.
" 28, Mount Zion	Kemptville.
" 55, Merrickville	Merrickville.
" 74, St. James	Maitland.
" 85, Rising Sun	Farmersville.
" 110, Central	Prescott.
" 125, Cornwall	Cornwall.
" 142, Excelsior	Morrisburg.
" 143, Friendly Brothers	Iroquois.
" 207, Lancaster	Lancaster.
" 242, Macoy	Mallorytown.
" 256, Farran's Point	Farran's Point.
" 320, Chesterville	Chesterville.
" 368, Salem	Brockville.
" 370, Harmony	Delta.
" 383, Henderson	West Winchester.
" 387, Lansdowne	Lansdowne.
" 389, Crystal Fountain	North Augusta.
" 416, Lyn	Lyn.
" 418, Maxville	Maxville.

OTTAWA DISTRICT, NO. 16. (18.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. David Barr, Renfrew.

No. 21a, St. John's

Vankleek Hill.

No.	52,	Dalhousie	Ottawa.
"	58,	Doric	Ottawa.
"	63,	St. John's	Carleton Place.
"	121,	Renfrew	Renfrew.
"	128,	Pembroke	Pembroke.
"	147,	Mississippi	Almonte.
"	148,	Civil Service	Ottawa.
"	159,	Goodwood	Richmond.
"	177,	The Builders'	Ottawa.
"	186,	Plantagenet	Plantagenet.
"	196,	Madawaska	Arnprior.
"	209,	Evergreen	Lanark.
"	231,	Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa.
"	264,	Chaudiere	Ottawa.
"	371,	Prince of Wales	Ottawa.
"	405,	Mattawa	Mattawa.
"	420,	Nipissing	North Bay.

ALGOMA DISTRICT, No. 17. (6.)

D. D. G. M.—R. W. Bro. D. T. Ferguson, Rat Portage.

No.	287,	Shuniah	Port Arthur.
"	407,	Manitoulin	Gore Bay.
"	412,	Keystone	Sault Ste. Marie.
"	414,	Pequonga	Rat Portage.
"	415,	Fort William	Fort William.
"	417,	Keewatin	Keewatin Mills.

NOT ATTACHED TO ANY DISTRICT.

No. 293, The Royal Solomon Mother, Jerusalem, Palestine.

RECAPITULATION.

Erie	District No.	1	23 Lodges.
St. Clair	" " 2	19 "	"
London	" " 3	29 "	"
South Huron	" " 4	16 "	"
North Huron	" " 5	15 "	"
Wilson	" " 6	22 "	"
Wellington	" " 7	21 "	"

Hamilton	District No.	8.....	21	Lodges.
Georgian	" "	9.....	23	"
Niagara	" "	10.....	22	"
Toronto	" "	11.....	35	"
Ontario	" "	12	22	"
Prince Edward	" "	13.....	22	"
Frontenac	" "	14.....	17	"
St. Lawrence	" "	15.....	22	"
Ottawa	" "	16.....	18	"
Algoma	" "	17.....	6	"
Unattached	.....	.....	1	"
			Total.....	354 "

EXPULSIONS.

No. of Lodge.

18—Samuel Whitney.

SUSPENSIONS—UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

No. of Lodge.

5—Thos. W. Miller.

356—Joseph G. Owens (for three years.)

SUSPENSIONS—NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. of Lodge.

2—Geo. B. Wilson.

3—Wm. Davis.

6—A. Calder, P. Corridi, G. A. M. Geddes, R. H. Knapp, F. W. Passmore, E. C. Passmore, Sydney Roberts, A. S. Vail.

7—Robt. Henry, H. E. Russ, Jno. B. Brant, A. C. Crosby, G. H. Hewson, Wm. Hannah, N. P. Henning.

9—J. W. Dorland, R. Richardson, W. S. Williams, T. Miller.

10—Jno. W. Clark, W. G. Pennington, Joshua Potts, H. W. Johnstone, W. Dunlop, S. Gardner, T. G. Matheson, R. Osborne, D. Durward, J. T. Chadwick.

14—A. D. May, Robt. Burke, Joseph Coombs.

15—A. G. Brown, H. Holt, R. James, Jr., Jas. Ross, Jr., G. S. Yokum.

- 16—W. G. McWilliams, W. Natras, Jos. Pitman, J. Barnett, L. H. Luke, Q. D. McCullough, A. McPhedran.
- 17—S. Brisbin, Geo. Beatty, Jas. Ewart.
- 18—B. A. Hubbs, W. H. Orchard, D. W. Johnson, E. H. Vandusen, John S. Barker.
- 20—F. H. Butler, J. F. Degeau, R. Elson, T. Fly, R. W. Jackson, Jno. Lapthorne, J. A. McMillan, B. Noble, G. W. Plastow, Robt. Stevenson, Jno. Stevenson, P. H. Watson, R. Weir, H. West.
- 22—W. J. McClure, R. Lawrence, H. Norwich.
- 23—F. Boynton.
- 24—S. E. Code, E. H. Tallman, W. Garrett, R. Goodfellow, N. E. Stephens; P. G. Newman.
- 26—A. N. Hugel, S. Bones, M. C. Lynell, Jos. Little.
- 27—Sam. Arthur, Jas. Johnston, Richard Mackay.
- 28—W. H. Mundle, Robert Kerr, Geo. McGooken.
- 31—Wm. Wright.
- 32—B. Albro, M. V. Farrar, Robt. Patterson, H. Root, Jas. W. Schofield, S. W. Brown, H. N. Camp.
- 33—W. Dickson, A. Dart, J. A. Gladhill, G. Shepherd, J. Imrie, S. Andrews, J. D. Luttrill, J. Miller, J. Keiley, J. McDonald, C. E. Robertson, T. Hockstep, W. H. Ridley, J. Morgan, P. McFarland, H. Clucas, Jno. Knox.
- 34—Robt. Sample, T. Maloney, A. McKay.
- 37—J. M. Wilson, J. D. Henderson, D. Palmer, A. Armstrong, J. W. Brown, T. J. Choate, E. C. Saunders, A. J. Crawford, J. McDonald, H. Cochrane, O. T. Wright, E. O'Connor, Chas. McLean, J. W. Marsden, Jas. Noxon.
- 38—G. Jackson, R. Corrigan, J. Brooks, E. Cooley, P. Ford.
- 42—Eli. Sawyer.
- 43—G. Rice, T. Hallock, H. Rice, T. Hall, C. E. Magee, A. Smith, F. A. Ficht, W. B. Teeple, T. Clements, A. Hall, T. McKee, J. R. Sutherland, F. Pilcher, J. W. Griffin, D. A. Muir, G. W. A. Ross, J. Burns.
- 44—A. Pitts, R. C. Parsons, H. Comforth, E. J. Steel,

- H. H. Hunt, J. Compton, N. B. Huffman, C. G. Butman.
- 45—D. Marquis, Angus Ross.
- 46—A. M. Livingston.
- 58—D. Robertson, V. M. Fisher.
- 61—M. C. Beasley, L. Eckerson, A. Fraser, E. B. Turnbull, E. J. Townsend.
- 64—F. Foster, H. C. Green, R. Anderson, A. W. Mitchell, J. W. Busby, J. Booth, G. Mason, H. Aschenbach, G. E. Evans.
- 65—W. Bailey, J. Hughes, D. Hughes, E. W. Hendrick, G. L. Kavanagh, W. Knox, Jas. McQuillan, D. Moir, M. Marks, Richard Stone.
- 66—Wm. Love, J. J. Jones, Jos. Taylor, S. C. Mason.
- 68—W. McDowell, Jas. Day, S. Phelps, A. Webster, G. H. G. Hamond-Graeme, J. Dunnett, J. W. Gunn, J. A. Campbell.
- 69—R. Finch, Chas. Ashley, Chas. Bryant, G. T. Hubble, S. Caverley.
- 73—J. Adair, W. W. Woolbridge, R. Leitch, R. Huston, T. Stanley, T. S. Bell, H. E. Wilson, J. Robinson.
- 75—A. Bradshaw, J. H. Verables, T. P. Hayes, J. G. Malcolm, W. Simpson, J. C. Robb.
- 77—A. Cullon, T. Crandell, W. H. Walsh, C. S. Jewett, G. Collins.
- 79—J. E. Stoddart, R. T. Polley, R. J. Sutherland, C. C. Campbell, W. Holmes, C. R. Kilkenny, W. W. Ellis, D. Wilson.
- 82—J. H. Hackland, Robt. Graham, W. Watson.
- 83—A. G. Goodwin.
- 84—J. Callander, O. A. Patterson, C. Overbury, O. Lehrbaws, T. Grigg.
- 86—Geo. W. Harper.
- 87—W. Robinson.
- 90—James Knox, W. Bell, Jas. Crossland, W. Arnott.
- 92—F. Tracey, B. A. Booth, A. Snodden, W. S. Smyth.
- 97—W. H. Kavanagh, John Rafferty, A. Armstrong, G. W. Taylor.

- 100—W. H. Hawker, T. Seaman, P. Grant, A. H. Walker, A. A. Clowes, J. B. Meacham, T. J. Bell, J. A. Kyle.
- 104—Albert Freeman.
- 106—W. H. Kiff, W. B. Underhill, C. E. McCaffey.
- 109—S. Walker, A. Church.
- 110—J. A. Mackenzie, G. Birks, J. Tinkis, Alex. Glasgow.
- 123—D. Cunningham, W. J. Butler, Jno. Pepper, A. Black, Jno. Addison, W. P. Bates, I. Hetherington, W. West.
- 129—S. E. Phillips, G. Russell, J. F. Smith, J. C. B. Johns, G. H. Webb, A. W. Brodie, D. McLeod, G. Wilkinson.
- 131—Jas. Munn, John Ross, G. R. Thompson, A. Lamont.
- 133—G. W. Southcott, Geo. Moir, A. Holland, T. Penhale, A. Sheere.
- 137—E. B. Brown, W. C. Dunseath, J. H. Ford, Thos. J. Ariss, Hugh Knott, G. F. Vanwyck.
- 140—R. H. Maw, G. W. Louks, E. R. Davis, T. T. Kennedy, W. J. Brooks, J. Huffman, T. H. Collins, W. Campbell, J. E. Black, A. Cameron.
- 144—F. Mingay, A. M. Campbell, E. Bilbe, W. R. Knox, D. Serimgeour.
- 145—J. Atkins, W. Wilcox, Thos. Wileox, W. J. White, Wm. Reynolds, Jas. Johnstone, Wm. Twigg.
- 148—F. H. W. Leggatt, John Graham.
- 155—W. C. Hamacher.
- 158—D. C. Cumming, C. McNichol, W. Rumohr.
- 165—G. Anderson.
- 166—D. F. Smith.
- 171—A. E. Dangerfield, A. McNish.
- 172—W. Henderson, Wm. Mitchell, S. D. Brown.
- 184—N. McMullen, D. E. Cameron, D. Kerr, K. Campbell, W. Grundy, John Beaton, A. McQuaig, J. L. Cain.
- 185—R. Crawford.
- 192—J. Wylie, I. J. Reid, W. P. Thompson, J. L. Cain, S. M. Ford, Henry Johnston, R. H. Denny, G. R. Hartwell, St. Clair Tilley, W. E. Size, L. Wilson, W. R. McPhee, Thos. Connell, A. Hector, O. T. Wright.
- 193—A. Freeman.

- 196—Wm. McAdam, Jno. A. McAdam, Alex. McLachlin,
Forbes W. McRae, P. T. Somerville, E. Mortimer.
- 201—J. Stunden, W. Casson.
- 203—W. Stephenson.
- 207—J. McKenzie, A. McGregor, B. Friedman, A. Falkner,
H. Killert, I. Irwin, B. R. Eppes, C. McKey, W. S.
Dunn, A. Urquhart, D. McNaughton, J. J. Reid, F.
A. Edgar, J. K. McLennan, Jas. S. Stewart.
- 209^a—W. G. Fletcher, E. McKenzie, D. C. McDonald, R. J.
Osborne, A. M. Ross, E. Davidson, J. Gillean, W.
J. Lindsay, H. Munro, D. M. McIntyre, R. M.
McElhiran, J. A. Ross, John Ross, A. E. Tribilcock.
- 216—W. Parsons, W. Green, T. Marshall, W. S. Smyth, J. F.
Kennedy.
- 220—J. R. Dales, A. Lawr, C. McPhadden.
- 225—W. D. Mitchell.
- 230—E. M. Law, W. Ross, S. J. Reid, T. Hust, T. Ness, J.
N. Bell, Jno. Scott, Geo. Moore, Geo. Baker.
- 231—F. H. W. Leggatt, W. C. Teague, Wm. Tinson.
- 232—T. W. Jardine.
- 233—P. McGregor, D. McKenzie, John Ironside, R. G.
McArthur.
- 234—Wm. H. Gilray.
- 243—Wm. S. Cassmore.
- 247—H. E. F. Caston, Thos. Johnston.
- 249—F. Vincent, Chas. Cameron, J. O. McConnell.
- 250—D. G. Murray, K. Murray, G. A. Murray, Jno. Laycock,
P. W. Murray, H. McLeod.
- 253—R. Spooner, W. McConnell, W. Bajus.
- 254—E. H. Swift, E. J. Fessenden, Jas. S. McQueen,
A. F. Prenster, Jas. H. Kalar.
- 255—O. French, R. J. Colville, S. J. Ball.
- 259—A. R. Ramage, A. Dynes.
- 260—Alex. McDonald, Jas. McConnell.
- 263—T. McVenn.
- 265—A. L. Wilson.
- 266—Geo. Carruthers, E. Lake, H. W. Baker, Jno. Bradbury,
E. S. Rogers.

- 267—Wm. Berry, E. Bedford, H. J. Eberts, S. E. St. Amour,
F. L. Lanagan.
- 269—Wm. B. Turner, Thos. S. Leng.
- 270—C. Connor, A. Carswell, M. McArthur, G. A. Campbell,
W. R. Adams, Robt. Strong, A. A. Adamson.
- 272—H. Richardson, J. H. Smith, E. Clark, T. Hawkyard,
Chas. Duff.
- 274—J. E. Fishborne.
- 276—Hugh Managan, Geo. Peddie, C. W. Kaake.
- 278—R. Emerson, R. B. Garrison, Jno. Hicks, W. A.
McMichael, Thos. Lloyd, Thos. Foley.
- 282—A. Munro, R. Conley, A. Smart, Henry Miller, John
Taylor, R. S. Rodman.
- 284—D. Little.
- 285—W. J. Baycroft, J. Whalen, J. Wilkinson.
- 287—Jas. Bilsland, E. V. Robinson, M. A. Rafferty.
- 291—W. J. Stutt, P. Horning, D. Erwin, E. Hore, D. Inksetter.
- 294—S. S. McGurk, A. Still.
- 295—Jas. Geroling, Geo. W. Green.
- 300—T. Chalmers, W. F. Kennedy, Jno. Leadman, Wm.
Taylor, N. McKechnie, David Dickie, W. W. Lord,
O. W. Tennant, Jas. Elgie, M. Chalcraft, Jas. Conn,
H. Bailey.
- 304—Geo. B. Moor, S. J. Reid, J. Page.
- 307—John McAdams.
- 308—Jas. Gillespie, C. M. Richardson, F. J. Drake.
- 311—H. A. Dillon, J. Brown, A. Brown, J. Rowntree, J.
Gourley.
- 312—Wm. N. Ayers, N. McDonald.
- 314—R. Irwin.
- 316—W. L. Rice, J. S. Cowley, A. F. Jones, W. A. Medland.
- 319—Robt. F. Wood.
- 321—C. Chase, H. Hunt, R. R. Rae.
- 322—Jas. Caton, Jas. Buchan, W. J. Paterson, J. M. Notter,
G. D. Kilbourn, Hy. Riley, R. Hoath, Wm. Craig,
W. A. Grier, G. F. Wood, P. C. Telfer, H. B.
Weagent, John A. Platt, John A. Shaw, Jas. Paterson,
Jas. Douglas.

- 325—John Groves, John J. Scott, A. J. Gainsby.
326—J. B. Burns.
331—H. Bushert, P. Barr.
333—W. Smith, H. Sommerville, Geo. L. Dodds, I. Elliot,
Geo. Ferguson, D. A. Ghent, T. Mullarkey, R.
Davis, C. W. Morey.
337—Geo. Darby, J. C. Elliot, E. Shainholdts.
339—Jas. Hewitt, Geo. H. Lemon, Jos. H. Westman.
340—P. G. Wilmot, E. Sibbet, W. E. Lyons.
342—Wm. Bates, Geo. W. Davis.
343—M. McLaughlin, J. McDougal, J. Percy, W. G. Shera,
J. S. Bradshaw.
344—W. E. Wilson, C. Conner, F. Russell, G. Patterson.
346—R. E. Clarke, J. H. Clinkinbroomer, C. A. Crell, Sam'l
Gregson, Geo. Ward.
347—Chas. E. Perry, Jas. Q. Richardson.
357—Jas. McMonies, Jr., Thos. Attridge, Jas. H. McMonies,
Geo. Baker, Chas. M. Jarvis, T. J. Baker, Wm.
Grierson, Sam. Crocker, Wm. T. Norton.
358—Wm. D. Rees.
360—G. J. Beattie, Alex. McRae.
363—D. M. Bowerman, S. Ellery, Wm. Edwards.
364—L. McLaughlin, M. McIntyre, G. Watson.
366—W. F. Barclay, John Paine.
369—B. Johnson, R. E. Clark.
376—W. McKinny, Robt. Menzies, L. W. Davies, J. W.
Birtch, John Murray, J. L. Fetterly.
378—W. H. Heard, C. H. Wallace, Thos. Jeffries, J. S.
Mickelborough.
384—W. J. Turner.
385—Wm. Nichol, F. A. Wray, Sam. Huff, J. B. Stone.
390—W. A. Dunbar.
391—Jas. Rushton.
393—W. Cormack.
394—Wm. Dickie, Israel Day, J. H. Clarkson.
395—W. E. Bottoms, A. B. Howse, Jas. Fleming, D.
Stephenson.
397—J. E. Demare.

- 400—Wm. C. Beatty, Chas. Brown.
 409—Alex. Fraser, Alex. McArthur.
 410—C. A. McBride, T. J. Clark.
 414—J. Weidman, A. W. McFarland, D. McDonald, John Thompson, A. McLeod, A. M. Claus, F. A. Cooke, J. Chisholm, A. Stundem.

RESTORATIONS.

No. of
Lodge.

- 2—Robt. Frigette.
 3—Wm. Stephenson.
 6—Jas. McIntosh.
 9—D. P. Wilson.
 10—Alex Innes.
 11—T. Ashton, W. A. McCamon.
 16—E. D. Flanagan.
 18—P. Merrill.
 22—A. Gruisted.
 23—John Powell.
 26—T. E. Shipley, Jacob Hoffman.
 27—R. G. Sutherland.
 31—D. Kilgour, Samuel Burden.
 32—Geo. Fonger.
 34—E. C. Gatifeld.
 40—Thos. J. Carroll.
 43—G. W. A. Ross.
 46—L. P. Springsteen, G. S. McLean, C. P. Lennox, E. W. Wood, R. McCorquodale, H. B. Darr.
 47—G. A. Bontiellor.
 48—F. Thompson.
 54—A. McFayden.
 56—Geo. S. McLean.
 58—H. Hassard, A. Christie.
 64—Jas. W. Busby, R. Baker.
 68—R. H. Agur.
 73—Jas. Somerville, G. Marlatt, R. Box, K. Waring, D. H. Harrison.
 77—A. L. Hogg.

- 79—G. Cook, A. Thompson, C. Elliott.
81—John Graves, W. Campbell.
82—John McKee, R. Graham.
83—H. M. Wilson.
90—W. Bell.
91—W. L. King, Jas. Dougherty, V. G. Cornwall.
93—W. R. Mackendrick.
97—T. T. Johnson.
101—J. J. Hall.
110—J. Tinkis, A. Glasgow.
116—Geo. Weir.
121—Jos. Brown, B. F. Cheesboro.
122—Geo. Cochrane.
125—A. F. Mulhem, L. A. Ross, D. A. McRae, H. Stiles.
141—Jas. D. Doig.
142—Alex. Vanallen.
144—John E. Birch, F. Mingay.
153—N. K. Nesbitt, Jas. McNames.
169—Jas. Canan.
177—R. J. McGilton.
181—John H. Vance.
184—W. R. Tompkins, F. Stuart.
190—Jas. Buchanan.
195—Wm. Lind.
197—F. K. Hewitt.
203—Robt. Anderson.
209a—Jos. Pigot, T. P. G. Bryan, H. A. McLean.
217—W. Armstrong, Hy. Armstrong.
218—Chas. Welband.
220—J. R. Dales.
233—E. E. Chipman, H. H. Kittridge.
234—Francis Hazzard.
236—Alex. Brown.
243—Jos. Vansickle.
247—H. W. Darrell.
250—Ed. Whyte, Geo. Jamieson, John W. Beattie.
253—W. Reid.
261—D. W. McKay.

- 269—S. G. Picket.
271—C. C. Richardson, W. H. Gand.
272—Chas. Duff.
290—Jos. McCracken.
291—Alf. Bennett.
295—Jos. Gregory, Wm. Shaw, J. G. Adams.
302—Geo. C. Holmes.
303—W. H. Watson.
312—A. McDonald.
316—Hy. Tolhurst, T. M. Cavan, F. S. Alderdice.
332—T. M. How.
340—Robt. Austin, T. G. Smith.
344—Chas. Connor.
357—Rich. Green.
366—W. B. Lindsay.
369—Sam. Rice.
385—John Stewart.
388—W. H. Burk.
394—Wm. Dickie.
402—C. J. A. Batstone.

AT REST.

NO. OF LODGE	NAME.	DATE.
2	Alex. Gunn.....	January 15.....1889
2	J. A. Hamilton.....	April 20.....1889
3	C. D. Macdonnell.....	July 29.....1888
3	Henry Nuttall.....	No date.
5	J. E. Brouse.....	April 20.....1888
5	Thos. Brierley.....	.....1880
5	W. Marshall.....	.....1881
5	H. B. Wright.....	September 22.....1888
6	Robt. Balfour.....	November 2.....1888
6	Frederick Bennett.....	January 6.....1889
7	F. H. Teeter.....	October 6.....1888
9	M. Pringle.....	November 25.....1888
10	T. S. Williamson.....	March 19.....1888
10	W. R. Griffith.....	January 14.....1889
10	R. Knowles.....	March 11.....1889
11	S. McCullough.....	August 20.....1888
14	Jno. S. Coombs.....	June 10.....1889
15	L. Door.....	February 6.....1889
15	A. Detrick.....	May 24.....1889
16	M. E. Snider.....	September 8.....1888
16	E. R. Stinson.....	August.....1888
16	Lionel York.....	March.....1889
17	Wm. Rosevear.....	February 19.....1889
18	E. A. Minaker.....	April 21.....1888
18	J. A. Corkindale.....	November 16.....1888
20	R. J. Evans.....	February.....1888
20	M. H. Ferguson.....	October 23.....1888
22	G. L. Garden.....	April 12.....1889
22	Henry Bickford.....	April 24.....1889
22	Jas. Bryant.....	May 9.....1889
22	Jos. Purvis.....	May 22.....1889
26	J. C. Doebler.....	August 7.....1888
27	Chas. H. Foster.....	October 10.....1888
27	F. E. Ecclestone.....	April 9.....1889
27	J. P. Judd.....	June 14.....1889
32	W. H. Schofield.....	July 12.....1888
33	Hugh Gardner.....	July 9.....1888
37	A. Prentice.....	January 16.....1889
38	A. K. Melville.....	October 28.....1887
39	Noah Bates.....	November 7.....1888
40	P. Allen.....	December 15.....1888
40	W. Milloy.....	March 30.....1889
40	O. Hancock.....	May 25.....1889
42	John L. Burt.....	November 13.....1888
42	H. A. Smith.....	August 26.....1888
42	R. P. Simmons.....	December.....1888
43	J. Hohmier.....	March 2.....1886
43	H. Hall.....	June 10.....1886
43	R. Merchant.....	August 3rd.....1886
43	G. D. Beard.....	September 17.....1886

AT REST.

NO. OF LODGE	NAME	DATE.
43	J. Forbes.....	September 8.....1886
43	A. H. W. Jackson.....	December 18.....1886
43	G. Middleton.....	May 10.....1887
43	Wm. Muir.....	May 27.....1888
43	J. Mander.....	January 4.....1889
43	L. H. Swan.....	February 27.....1889
43	Jas. Wilson.....	April 13.....1889
45	H. Davis.....	November 26.....1888
45	D. Curtis.....	February 18.....1889
45	Chas. Avery.....	May 10.....1889
48	W. H. Tumelty.....	April 25.....1888
50	Adam Amans.....	October 28.....1887
52	Peter Christie.....	July 9.....1888
55	P. Y. Merrick.....	November 13.....1888
56	Thos. Ellison.....	June 15.....1888
61	John Close.....	January 8.....1889
61	J. A. Simpson.....	December 27.....1888
61	Jas. Belling.....	April 9.....1889
63	H. A. Ferguson.....	May 16.....1888
64	H. A. Baxter.....	June 17.....1888
64	Jas. Wallace.....	February 13.....1887
64	A. W. Hill.....	.....1887
64	John Plummer.....	March 25.....1887
64	Z. Hemphill.....	September 14.....1888
64	David Porteous.....	February 6.....1889
65	Chas. Archibald.....	August 12.....1888
65	D. Thurston.....	February 12.....1889
65	Geo. Robinson.....	June 18.....1889
72	John Barbour.....	October 30.....1888
75	L. C. Hawkey.....	October 29.....1888
75	S. Porter.....	January 1.....1889
75	G. Gowland.....	February 2.....1889
76	A. W. Francis.....	February 27.....1889
78	T. B. Bain.....	November 16.....1888
79	W. Payser.....	No date.
82	Jas. Robertson.....	March 28.....1889
83	W. H. Armstrong.....	June 4.....1889
83	Wm. Evely.....	February 1.....1889
85	S. S. Cornell.....	October 13.....1888
86	R. Robinson.....	March 9.....1889
86	T. McCormack.....	February 3.....1889
86	Wm. Turner.....	November 6.....1888
90	Jas. McGee.....	March 16.....1889
91	J. H. Henderson.....	May 28.....1888
91	W. W. Tuttle.....	August 4.....1888
92	Thos. Palmer.....	September 24.....1888
93	P. D. McInnes.....	June 8.....1889
100	H. Bickford.....	April 24.....1889
101	C. D. Macdonnell.....	July 29.....1888
105	John Roberts.....	August 19.....1888

AT REST.

NO. OF LODGE	NAME.	DATE.
105	Chas. Bossie.....	October 27.....1888
110	E. McGrory.....	September 28.....1888
114	Jos. Smith.....	July 4.....1888
115	John Johnston	April 8.....1889
115	B. Rodgers.....	June 20.....1889
119	S. J. Benjamin.....	August 11.....1888
119	J. G. McI. Ross.....	January 30.....1889
119	John Fleming.....	March 30.....1889
122	Adam Inglis.....	April 5.....1889
123	S. C. Edwards.....	October.....1888
123	John Stewart.....	November.....1888
123	A. E. Ellis.....	.....1889
123	Thos. Lockerty.....	May.....1889
128	Wm. F. Peden.....	April 13.....1889
128	Jas. Grieve.....	June 23.....1889
137	Robt. Morris.....	September 22.....1888
140	J. M. Nairn.....	June 1.....1888
141	Geo. Rock.....	December 9.....1888
142	J. A. Bell.....	September 26.....1888
142	John Montgomery.....	November 28.....1888
142	A. G. Macdonald.....	January 2.....1889
142	H. C. Kennedy.....	March 19.....1889
143	Jos. C. Irvine.....	November.....1888
144	Geo. Brazier.....	September.....1888
145	H. B. Weller.....	August 17.....1887
146	Henry Tinkle.....	July 17.....1888
146	T. Scott.....	March 12.....1889
147	John Bennett.....	November 7.....1888
147	C. H. Sheam.....	November 26.....1888
147	A. Thoburn.....	April 4.....1889
148	W. A. Henry.....	May 3.....1888
149	Hy. Morgan.....	December 3.....1887
153	Geo. Taylor.....	December 17.....1888
154	H. Gooding.....	December 10.....1888
154	R. C. Thompson.....	December 14.....1888
155	G. V. Walker	June 6.....1889
168	Jno. P. Evans.....	January 1.....1889
169	C. B. Nimmo	June 12.....1889
183	C. McKenzie.....	August 14.....1887
183	W. T. Parrish	August 16.....1887
183	A. Wood	September 20.....1888
183	J. Dewart.....	September 16.....1888
190	D. Sinclair.....	April 4.....1889
194	G. M. Brown.....	September 21.....1888
194	T. G. Melrose.....	October 3.....1888
194	Jas. Waddell	January 16.....1889
197	J. R. Hartley	January 16.....1889
201	L. Knight	June.....1887
205	Chas. Woodhead.....	March 20.....1889
207	Name omitted	January 27.....1889

AT REST.

NO. OF LODGE	NAME.	DATE.
209a	Sam. Thompson.....	December 26 ...1888
209a	J. R. Crow.....	May 7...1889
209a	J. H. Hodgins.....	March 12...1889
216	Jno. Rundle.....	September 17 ...1888
220	R. Phillips.....	October 22...1888
224	R. Buswell.....	April 12...1889
225	Wm. Geo. Maher.....	July 10...1888
230	Hy. Gross	September 16 ...1888
231	P. H. Varney	No date.
232	D. C. McPhederaine	No date.
233	S. Corbett	September 20 ...1888
247	T. A. Lockington	November 5 ...1888
247	W. S. Robinson	February 25...1889
256	A. G. McDonell.....	January 26...1889
257	Frederick Guggisberg.....	February 29 ...1888
257	Jas. C. Smith	May 26...1888
257	Wm. Hancock.....	October 9 ...1888
257	P. Beswick	July 27...1888
258	W. H. Matthews.....	June 23 ...1889
262	R. H. Young.....	January 31...1889
264	W. C. Gibson	April 1...1889
265	J. Aulcott.....	April 3...1889
269	R. Stokes.....	April 20...1889
269	T. Tripp.....	June 4...1889
271	H. A. McLaren	October 14...1888
272	Alex. Thomson.....	February 2...1887
276	Wm. Mason.....	September 20...1888
277	Jos. H. Johnston.....	April 28...1888
277	Thos. Noble	July 5...1888
282	N. Currie.....	January 13...1889
283	J. H. Garbutt	January 23...1889
283	H. Fenn.....	March 2...1889
283	K. Graham	March 9...1889
284	Ed. Auberry	July 21...1888
285	F. T. Rowe.....	April 22...1889
291	John A. Stutt	No date.
299	E. M. Storms	June 2...1889
300	Wm. Harrison.....	August 7...1888
302	Geo. McDermand.....	June 1...1888
308	H. W. Sargent	July 15...1887
309	Geo. H. Rowed	May 20...1888
315	J. G. Jeffery.....	November...1888
316	R. A. Sinclair.....	April 8...1889
316	Geo. McDonald	May 30...1889
326	Chas. H. Foster	October 10...1888
330	Samuel Crawford	May 11...1889
345	Wm. Craig.....	January 9...1888
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347	Wm. Spires.....	September 21 ...1888
357	R. Balfour.....	November 3 ...1888

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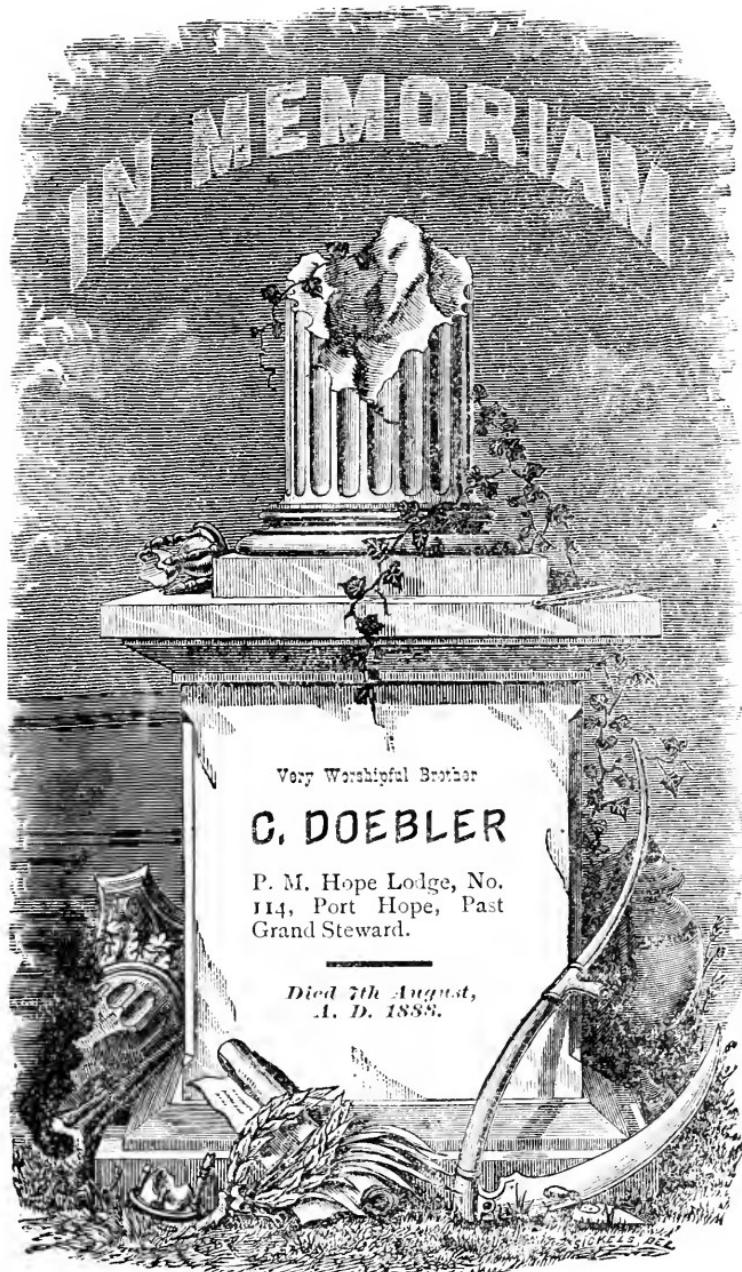
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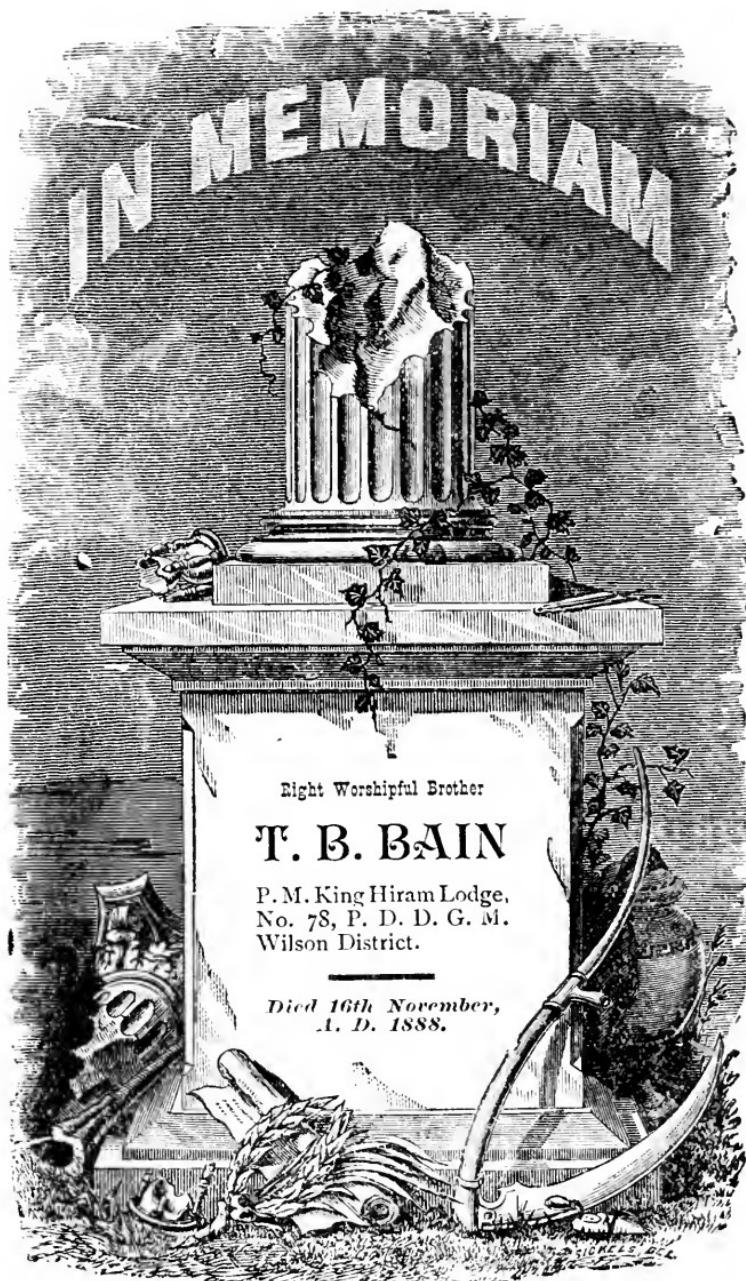
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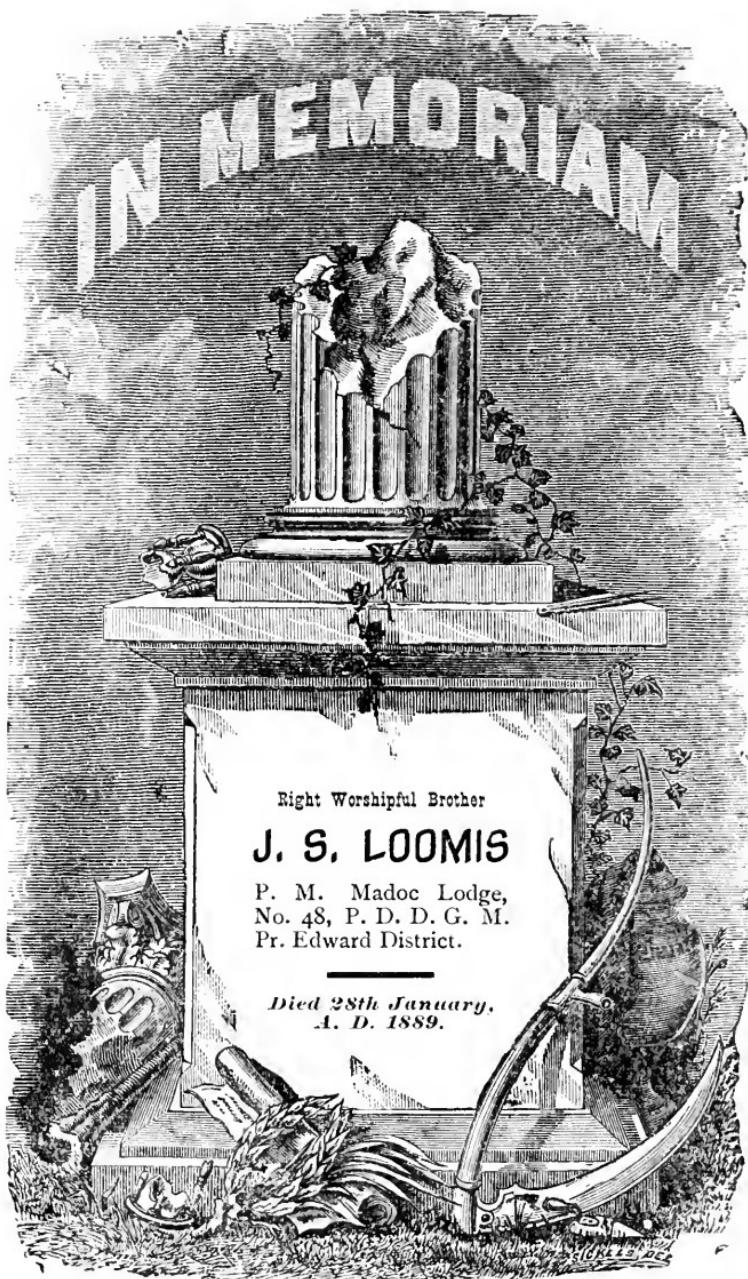
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375	Wm. T. Smithett	March 24 ..1888
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384	Wm. Stephenson	November 9.....1887
384	J. C. Smith	May 261888
384	Jos. O'Brien.....	July 26.....1888
391	Mat. Willison	January 23.....1888
391	Thos. H. Kyle.....	February 3.....1888
392	Jas. Wright	November 30.....1888
395	D. M. Williams, M. D.....	March 22.....1889
400	W. B. Smith	June 22.....1888
400	J. E. Halloran.....	September 10.....1888
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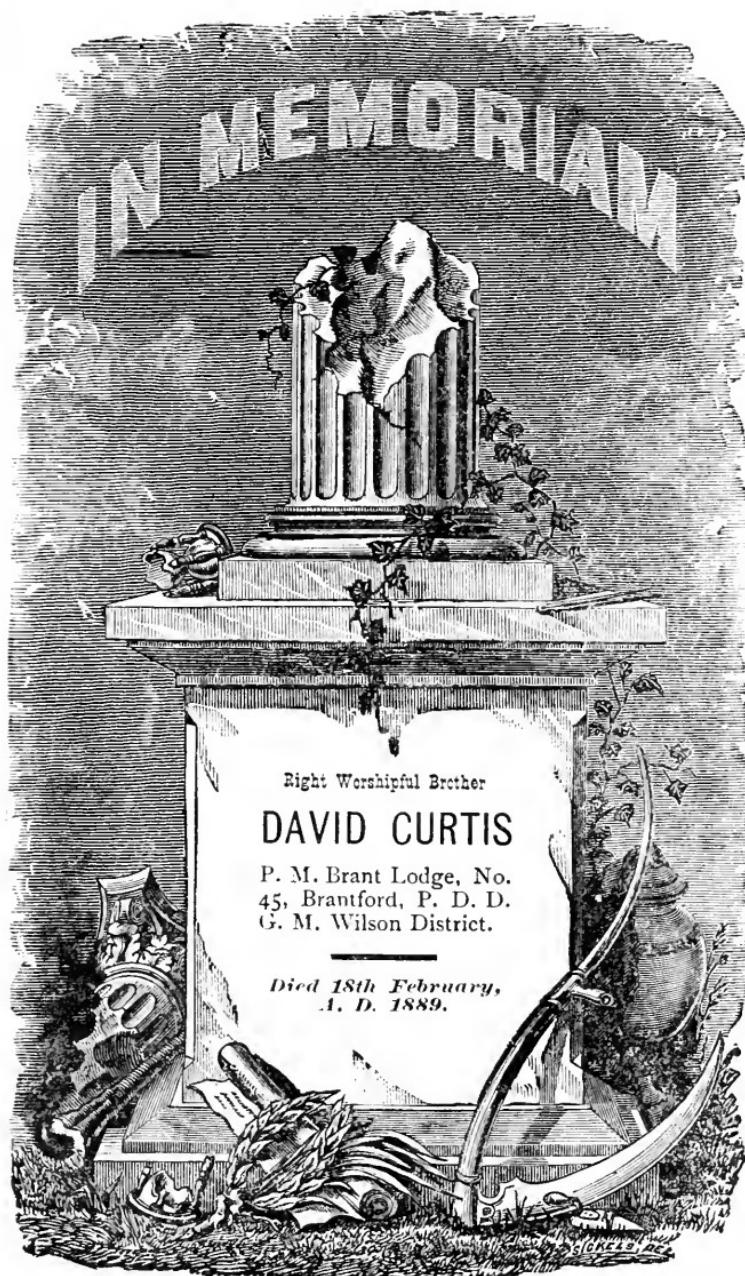


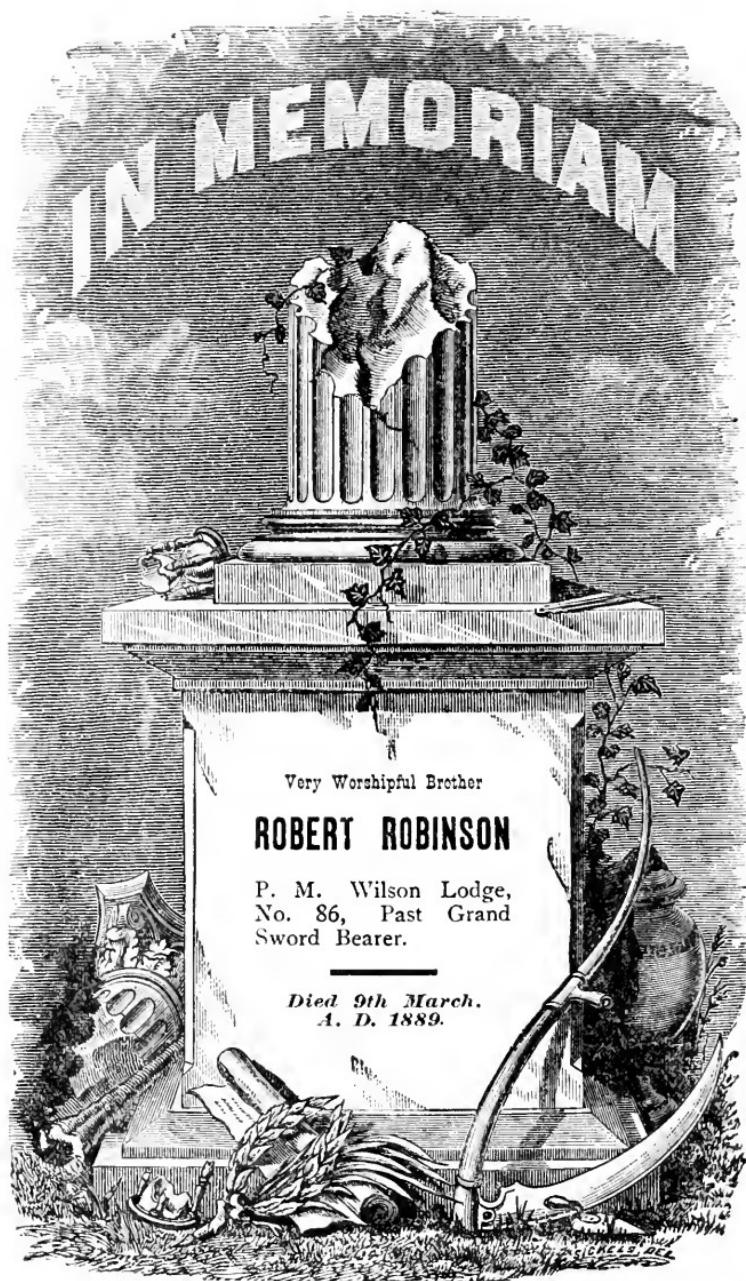


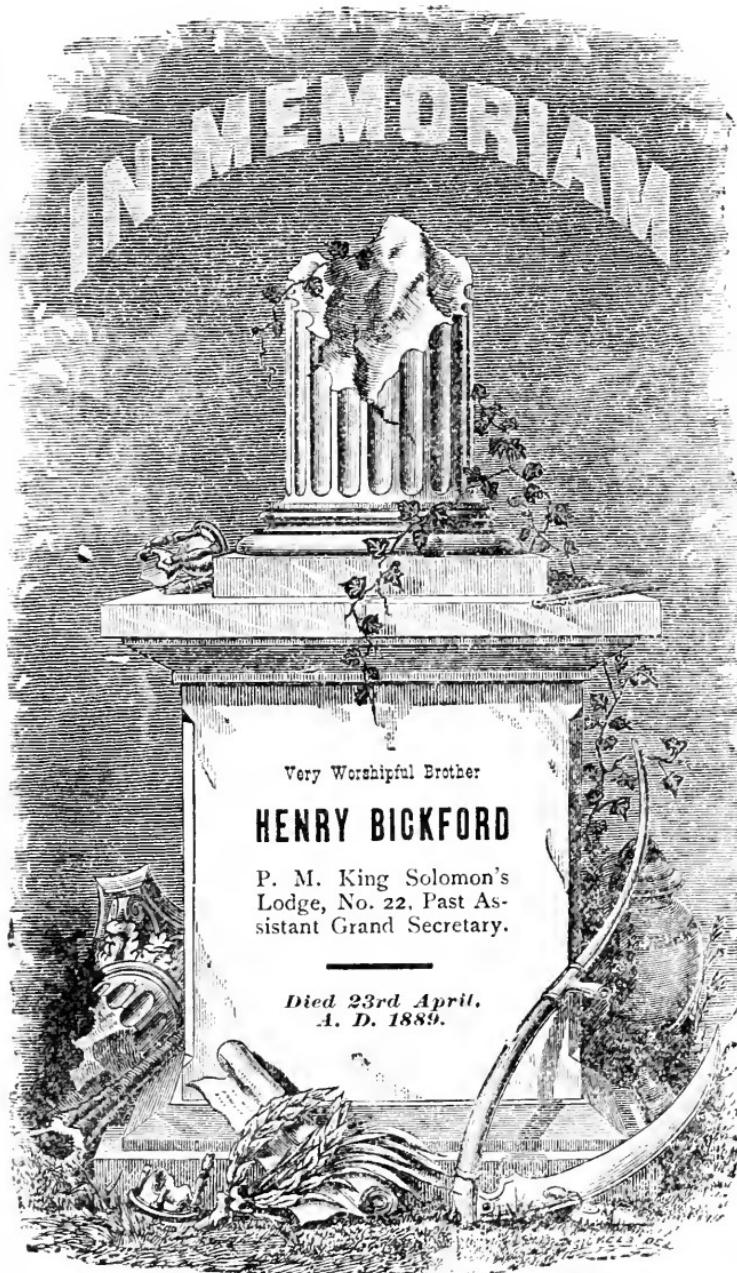












SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES.

For the year ending 24th June, 1889.

No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Rai-ings.	Joining s.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Total.
2..	1	1	1	4	...	2	1	1	1	1	42
3..	7	8	6	5	5	2	1	1	1	1	108
5..	10	6	6	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	134
6..	6	10	10	8	3	2	8	1	1	1	256
7..	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	1	1	1	55
9..	6	6	4	1	2	1	4	1	1	1	79
10..	4	5	3	9	13	3	10	1	1	1	75
11..	9	8	14	2	7	1	1	1	1	2	108
14..	2	2	3	1	4	1	3	1	1	1	82
15..	2	4	4	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	104
16..	5	4	3	1	4	3	7	1	1	1	173
17..	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	54
18..	9	10	10	3	3	2	5	1	1	1	138
20..	2	2	3	2	...	2	14	1	1	1	126
21a..	2	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	29
22..	1	...	1	2	...	4	3	1	1	1	137
23..	...	...	...	2	...	6	1	1	1	1	25
24..	7	7	4	3	2	1	6	1	1	1	55
25..	16	10	6	9	4	1	1	1	1	1	125
26..	6	5	5	2	2	1	4	1	1	2	56
27..	12	8	6	6	8	3	3	1	1	1	221
28..	...	...	1	4	...	3	1	1	1	1	37
29..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	33
30..	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	57
31..	2	1	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	64
32..	...	...	...	2	1	1	7	1	1	1	56
33..	2	1	...	1	1	1	17	1	1	1	85
34..	5	5	5	1	3	1	3	1	1	1	42
35..	3	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	62
36..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	24
37..	6	6	6	2	1	1	15	1	1	1	74
38..	8	8	5	2	1	1	5	1	1	1	50
39..	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	30
40..	15	20	18	1	4	3	...	1	1	1	272
41..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	62
42..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	100
43..	28	22	18	3	10	11	17	1	1	1	88
44..	8	9	6	2	1	1	8	1	1	1	106
45..	11	9	7	3	7	3	2	1	1	1	70
46..	4	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	6	83
47..	5	6	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	97
48..	8	8	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	78
50..	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	27
52..	4	6	6	6	5	1	1	1	1	1	82
54..	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	49
55..	4	4	3	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	41
56..	4	3	3	5	3	1	1	1	1	1	63

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1889.

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No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Total.
57...	4	6	6	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	40
58...	6	5	3	1	6	2	2	2	2	2	73
61...	14	7	8	4	2	3	5	5	5	5	186
62...	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	27
63...	5	5	5	1	8	6	9	9	2	2	65
64...	5	4	1	2	1	3	10	10	2	2	137
65...	11	12	11	4	1	3	10	10	10	10	159
66...	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	40	40
68...	2	4	5	1	2	10	10	10	10	1	66
69...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5	5	5	5	102
72...	1	2	3	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	1	76
73...	3	3	3	.....	4	8	8	8	8	5	56
74...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38
75...	14	9	11	7	3	3	6	6	6	6	207
76...	9	6	5	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	110
77...	3	5	3	3	6	5	5	5	5	2	78
78...	7	6	4	4	2	1	1	1	1	1	81
79...	4	4	3	.....	2	1	8	8	8	3	34
80...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
81...	5	5	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	71
82...	1	1	1	.....	4	1	3	3	3	2	28
83...	2	3	4	.....	4	2	1	1	1	1	67
84...	3	2	2	.....	.....	.....	5	5	5	.....	60
85...	2	2	2	1	.....	1	1	1	1	1	61
86...	7	3	2	4	7	3	1	1	1	1	117
87...	3	3	2	1	.....	.....	1	1	1	1	33
88...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
90...	12	12	13	2	1	1	4	4	4	1	105
91...	5	5	4	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	3	50
92...	3	3	2	1	1	1	4	4	4	1	102
93...	4	4	6	.....	6	1	1	1	1	1	101
94...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30
96...	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1	80
97...	2	2	4	1	1	1	4	4	4	1	43
98...	10	12	11	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
99...	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
100...	1	1	1	.....	4	1	8	8	8	1	67
101...	6	6	6	.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	62
103...	3	3	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95
104...	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	71
105...	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	44
106...	4	4	4	.....	3	.....	3	3	3	1	72
107...	3	2	2	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	46
108...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	14
109...	3	3	4	.....	1	1	2	2	2	1	50
110...	2	1	2	.....	1	1	4	4	4	2	75
113...	3	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	53

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1889.

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No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Total.
114..	4	2	I		I	I					43
115..	1	1	I		2					I	51
116..	2	2	2	2	4						24
118..	3	3	I		I						28
119..	2	2	3		I	3					27
120..											24
121..	7	4	3	4	3					2	82
122..	2	I	I	I						I	40
123..	7	7	7	I	I	4	8				110
125..					2					4	36
126..											36
127..											67
128..	3	4	5		6	2					90
129..	4	5	6				8				46
131..	3	3	2				4				28
133..	9	7	8	2	4		5				68
135..	3	2	I		3						62
136..											25
137..				I		I	6				71
139..				I							47
140..	I	I	I		I	I	10				57
141..					2	I				I	41
142..	10	10	8		I	4				I	71
143..						I					38
144..	4	4	3		4	I	5			2	75
145..	2	2	I		2	I	7				51
146..	4	5	6	I		2					51
147..	2				2	3					51
148..	2	2	2	2		I	2				54
149..	I	I	I			I					48
151..	7	6	2	5	I						72
153..			I	I		I				2	33
154..	I	I	I			2					57
155..	3	5	8	4	3	I	I				94
156..	5		I		4						64
157..											60
158..	I	2	2	I	I		3				38
159..	4	4	6		5						59
161..	2	I	I								49
162..	4	4	4		I						27
164..	3	3	2	4							48
165..	5	5	5								44
166..	3	2	2		I		I				47
168..	5	5	3	I	I	I					81
169..	2	3	3		2	I				I	65
170..	I	I	I	I	2						79
171..	8	8	5				2				38

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1889.

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No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Total.
237..	2	I	I								24
238..	4	4	3	2	2						55
239..	I	I	2		I						36
241..	I	I	I								18
242..	6	3	4								51
243..	6	4	2	I	I		I		I		54
245..											40
247..	9	9	10	3	6	2	2		I		138
249..	I	4	4	I	6		3				43
250..	2	2	2		4		6		3		32
253..		I	I		5		3		I		79
254..	3	4	3	3	I		5				60
255..					2		3				40
256..	I	3	3			I					58
257..	4	3	5		3	4					74
258..	4	4	5		3	I					87
259..											21
260..	4	4	2		2		2				46
261..	3	2	2						I		17
262..	3	4	3		4	I					55
263..	2	2	2		3		I				38
264..	6	7	6	3	2	I					80
265..			I	I	I	I	I				36
266..	5			4	I		5				26
267..	2	3	3		3		5				45
268..	3				3						37
269..	I			I		2	2		I		48
270..	3	3	4				7				49
271..	6	6	5		2	I				2	42
272..					3	I	5		I		36
274..	2	2	2		4		I				44
276..	I	I	I		I	I	3				23
277..	5	5	5		I	2					53
278..	3				3		6				18
279..	4	4	4	2	2						33
282..	4	3	2			I	6				30
283..	4	2		1		3					47
284..	I	2	I	2	2	I	I				39
285..	I			2	2	I	3				35
286..											26
287..	II	10	9	I	2		3				85
289..	I	I	I								56
290..	7	7	7	I					I		61
291..					4	I	5		I		24
292..											31
293..											22
294..							2				31

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1889.

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No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	Total.
295..	2	2	2	..	2	..	2	..	..	3	25
296..	4	5	3	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	53
297..	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
299..	2	1	1	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	38
300..	1	1	1	..	4	1	12	..	..	..	30
302..	2	3	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	79
303..	10	8	7	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	48
304..	..	..	..	..	2	..	3	..	..	..	26
305..	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
306..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	39
307..	5	5	4	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	37
308..	..	..	..	..	14	1	3	..	..	..	15
309..	2	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	49
311..	3	3	2	2	1	..	5	..	..	..	36
312..	4	4	3	..	1	..	2	..	..	1	86
313..	1	2	2	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	29
314..	3	3	3	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	47
315..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	13
316..	18	17	14	4	2	2	4	..	..	3	119
318..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	32
319..	2	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	31
320..	6	3	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	60
321..	..	1	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	32
322..	6	5	8	..	..	..	16	..	..	..	63
323..	2	1	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	46
324..	27	29	30	10	5	5	..	..	..	..	152
325..	1	1	3	..	4	..	3	..	..	..	46
326..	17	15	6	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	137
327..	4	3	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	24
328..	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	33
329..	1	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	35
330..	6	5	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	86
331..	2	2	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	26
332..	3	3	4	2	6	..	..	..	..	1	36
333..	2	2	1	1	10	..	9	..	..	..	22
334..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
335..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
336..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
337..	3	4	4	1	3	..	3	..	..	..	40
338..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	29
339..	13	11	7	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	140
340..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	2	21
341..	4	5	6	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	56
342..	4	3	3	..	5	..	3	..	..	..	26
343..	4	3	2	..	5	..	5	..	..	1	53
344..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..	..	..	32
345..	2	2	2	1	28

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1889.

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No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	TOTAL.
346..	8	8	11	4	6	...	5	...	...	...	143
348..	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	33
352..	5	5	7	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	55
354..	4	5	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	44
356..	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	36
357..	4	3	3	...	1	3	9	...	...	1	58
358..	1	12	2	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	26
359..	3	1	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	38
360..	4	3	3	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	36
361..	8	9	11	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	90
362..	5	5	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	43
363..	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	29
364..	...	1	1	1	2	...	3	...	...	...	33
366..	3	1	3	...	2	2	2	...	...	1	63
367..	12	11	12	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	135
368..	7	6	5	8	4	1	...	...	...	...	62
369..	11	12	13	1	5	...	2	...	...	1	61
370..	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	50
371..	5	5	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
372..	4	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
373..	6	5	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	38
374..	1	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
375..	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	26
376..	10	7	4	1	7	1	6	...	...	...	31
377..	7	6	6	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	31
378..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
379..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
380..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
382..	10	6	7	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	110
383..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
384..	33	31	24	12	4	5	1	...	...	...	155
385..	4	4	1	1	3	...	4	...	...	...	24
386..	4	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	34
387..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
388..	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	43
389..	2	3	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	35
390..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	25
391..	3	5	7	3	2	2	1	...	...	...	62
392..	3	3	3	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	43
393..	8	8	7	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	34
394..	1	...	...	...	4	...	3	...	...	1	42
395..	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	...	...	...	29
396..	4	6	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	42
397..	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	...	...	...	38
398..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
399..	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14
400..	4	4	4	2	2	62

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1889.

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No. of Lodge.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expulsions.	Restorations.	TOTAL.
401..	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	31
402..	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	55
403..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	46
404..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
405..	1	2	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	49
406..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	39
407..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	35
408..	5	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31
409..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	42
410..	10	8	9	4	2	2	1	2	1	1	58
411..	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	25
412..	12	9	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41
413..	2	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32
414..	4	10	9	1	5	5	1	9	1	1	68
415..	8	7	11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	36
416..	5	5	5	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	25
417..	11	11	11	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	46
418..	4	3	6	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	28
419..	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41
420..	27	28	26	1	4	4	1	1	1	1	72
421..	6	6	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
422..	7	6	6	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	23
U. D.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8
U. D.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12
U. D.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Total,	1306	1215	1139	351	664	229	675	2	1	126	19818

RECAPITULATION

OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24TH JUNE,
1889, AS FAR AS HEARD FROM.

Lodges Organized and Affiliated.....	425
" Extinct	28
" Ceded to Grand Lodge of Quebec.....	38
" " " Manitoba	5
" Number on Roll.....	354
" Represented in Grand Lodge.....	263
Initiations Reported.....	1,306
Passings "	1,215
Raisings "	1,139
Joinings "	351
Restorations "	126
Resignations "	664
Deaths "	229
Suspensions for Non-payment of Dues	675
" for Unmasonic Conduct.....	2
Expulsions	1
Members in Good Standing.....	19,818

Gross receipts for the year ending 31st May, 1888. \$17,007 32
Assets of Grand Lodge as per Grand Treasurer's

Statement, 31st May, 1889..... 68,444 11

LIST OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS FOR 1889-90.

M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, Q. C.,	Kingston,	Grand Master.
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" " J. P. Whitehead,	Strathroy,	"
" " W. B. Doherty,	St. Thomas,	"
" " W. G. Duff,	Seaford,	"
" " R. C. Bruce,	Tara,	"
" " D. H. Hunter,	Woodstock,	"
" " David Forsyth,	Berlin,	"
" " John Malloy,	Hamilton,	"
" " Thomas McCarroll,	Meaford,	"
" " Wm. Jaques, M. D.,	Jarvis,	"
" " Wm. Roaf,	Toronto,	"
" " W. R. Howse,	Whitby,	"
" " P. J. Lightburne,	Cobourg,	"
" " Hy. J. Wilkinson,	Kingston,	"
" " W. H. Jackson,	Brockville,	"
" " David Barr,	Rensfrew,	"
" " D. T. Ferguson,	Rat Portage,	"
" " Jas. McLachlan,	Owen Sound,	Grand Senior Warden.
" " Michael Walsh,	Ingersoll,	" Junior "
" " Rev. David Armstrong,	D. D. Moore,	Chaplain.
" " E. Mitchell,	Hamilton,	Treasurer.
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" " Wm Ballantyne,	Seaford,	Director of Cer.
" " A. Poultier,	Hamilton,	Ass't Grand Secretary.
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" " A. J. Little,	Guelph,	
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" " H. Clements,	Palmerston,	
" " A. Hood,	Arnprior,	
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Missouri.....	M.	" J. K. Kerr, Q. C., Toronto.
Montana.....	R.	" J. M. Gibson, Hamilton.
Nebraska.....	V.	" C. W. Brown, Toronto.
Nevada.....	R.	" R. L. Patterson, Toronto.
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North Carolina	R.	" L. H. Henderson, Belleville.
North Dakota.....	"	" J. S. Dewar, London.
Ohio	"	" L. G. Jarvis, London.
Oregon	"	" David Taylor, Ottawa.
Pennsylvania	M.	" James Moffat, London.
Rhode Island.....	V.	" Robt. Lewis, London.
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Vermont	R.	" DeWitt H. Martyn, Kincardine.
Virginia.....	"	" J. Ross Robertson, Toronto.
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West Virginia.....	R.	" J. E. Harding, Stratford.
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Greece	M.	" Daniel Spry, Barrie.
New South Wales.....		
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St. Domingo	"	" Otto Klotz, Preston.
United States of Colombia.R.	"	" John Walsh, Ottawa.
Uruguay.....		
Victoria.....	"	" Wm. Gibson, Beamsville.

**LIST OF GRAND LODGES IN NORTH AMERICA,
with names and Residences of the Grand Secretaries.**

STATE OR PROVINCE.	GRAND SECRETARY.	RESIDENCES.
Alabama.....	Myles J. Greene.....	Montgomery.
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Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
British Columbia.....	H. Brown.....	Victoria.
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Canada.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Colorado.....	Edward C. Parmelee.....	Pueblo.
Connecticut.....	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Dakota.....	Charles T. McCoy.....	Aberdeen.
Delaware.....	William S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
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Florida.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	A. M. Wolin.....	Macon.
Idaho.....	James H. Wickersham.....	Silver City.
Illinois.....	Loyal L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indian Territory.....	J. S. Murrow.....	Atoka.
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Manitoba.....	W. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
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Michigan.....	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pierson.....	St. Paul.
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New Brunswick.....	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire.....	G. P. Cleaves.....	Concord.
New Jersey.....	Joseph H. Hough.....	Trenton.
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New York.....	E. M. L. Ehlers.....	New York.
North Carolina.....	Donald W. Bain.....	Raleigh.
North Dakota.....	David S. Dodds.....	Lakota.
Nova Scotia...	Wm. Ross	Halifax.
Ohio.....	J. H. Bromwell.....	Cincinnati.
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Texas	Wm. F. Swain.....	Houston.
Utah	Christopher Diehl.....	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	Lavant M. Read	Bellows Falls.
Virginia	W. B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington Territory	Thomas M. Reed.....	Olympia.
West Virginia	Geo. W. Atkinson.....	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Laflin	Milwaukee.
Wyoming	W. L. Kuykendall.....	Cheyenne.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:

1. By R. W. Bro. T. Sargent,—That Clause 121 of the Book of Constitution be amended by inserting after the word "elect" the words "by a majority of all the members present in the lodge."
2. By R. W. Bro. T. Sargent,—That Clause 44 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words "shall have been given at the preceding Annual Communication of Grand Lodge," and inserting instead the words "and shall have been sent to the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of December following the Communication of Grand Lodge."
3. By W. Bro. C. C. Robinson.—That hereafter all business, except initiating and passing, be transacted in Warranted Lodges in the Third Degree, and that a Clause to this effect be added to the Constitution. Also, that anything in the Constitution or Regulations inconsistent with this resolution be, and the same is hereby repealed.
4. By R. W. Bro. W. H. Jackson.—That Clause 255 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding next after the words "all the above jewels are to be of silver," the words "provided, however, that all the Lodges in the jurisdiction that took part in the organization of the Grand Lodge of Canada as well as the Lodges that already enjoy the privilege, shall be permitted to wear on their regalia gold jewels and gold trimmings."
5. By R. W. Bro. David Taylor,—That Clause 121 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words: "Should the Lodge desire to do so, it may by By-law provide that no member shall be entitled to vote at the Annual Election of Officers who is twelve months in arrears of Lodge dues."
6. By W. Bro. J. Reeve,—That systematic black-balling in any Lodge of candidates for admission to the Craft, with the view of accomplishing some ulterior object, and not on account of the unfitness of such candidates shall constitute a Masonic offence.

That Clause 202 of the Book of Constitution be amended by providing "that upon the trial of a brother charged with such offence, any brother may disclose how he voted upon the taking of any ballot involved in such enquiry, provided that the District Deputy Grand Master for the particular district shall have first intimated to the Master of said Lodge that he is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing such practice to exist."

7. By V. W. Bro. F. F. Manley,—That Clause 3 of the Book of Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words : “The manner of conducting the Election of the Members of the Board of General Purposes shall be as follows : The Committee on Credentials of Representatives shall prepare a list of the names of delegates to Grand Lodge, together with the number of votes each delegate is entitled to cast. The Grand Secretary or one of the Committee on Credentials shall call the names of the Brethren in rotation, when (after the brother has marked the number of votes he is entitled to cast upon the outside of the ballot paper), he shall hand it to one of the Grand Stewards to deposit in a ballot box provided for that purpose. The Grand Steward receiving the ballot shall see the number marked upon it agrees with the number upon the report of the Committee on Credentials. No brother shall be permitted to deposit more than one ballot. The collection of the ballots shall take place immediately after the election of the Grand Wardens.”
8. By V. W. Bro. F. F. Manley,—That Clause 178 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words “and each “Private Lodge shall defray the travelling expenses of the “District Deputy Grand Master, to the extent of at least one “visit in each year,” and by inserting instead the words “the sum of..... dollars shall be paid out of the funds of Grand Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Master of each district for each official visit made by him to the Lodges in his jurisdiction, to the extent of at least one visit to each Lodge in each year.”
9. By V. W. Bro. Le. F. A. Maingy,—That in future the meetings of the Board of General Purposes shall be convened at such times before the Annual Communication as will permit the Reports of the Sub-Committees of the said Board being printed in time for distribution, upon the formal reception by Grand Lodge of the said reports.
10. By R. W. Bro. Rev. David Armstrong, D. D.,—That Clause 226 of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out the words “black balls” in the third and seventh lines and inserting instead the words “adverse votes,” and that the following words be added to the Clause : “The method of balloting shall be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge.
11. By R. W. Bro. H. A. Mackelcan,—That the Grand Registrar be added to the Board of General Purposes.
12. By W. Bro. H. Lockwood,—That Clause 59 of the Book of Constitution be struck out and the following substituted : “The “District Deputy Grand Master of each district shall be elected “after nomination, as follows : Any Past Master may, not less

"than three months before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, forward to the District Deputy Grand Master of his own district, a single written nomination for the office of District Deputy Grand Master. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master immediately to acknowledge the receipt of each nomination by mail, and at least two full months before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he shall forward by mail to each Lodge in his district a list of the Brethren so nominated, with their Masonic rank, residence and profession, and the names of the Lodges to which they respectively belong. From the list of Brethren so forwarded by the District Deputy Grand Master, the new District Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by the majority of the Past Masters and the representatives of the Lodges of such district at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, and if his election be confirmed by the Grand Master, he shall, if present, be regularly installed. He must be a Past Master and a resident of the district for which he is elected. If a brother who is Master of a Lodge be elected as District Deputy Grand Master, his election shall *ipso facto* operate to vacate his election as Master and a new election shall be held by the Lodge."

13. By W. Bro. James Whitten,—That districts Nos. 9 and 16 be divided by detaching all that portion of No. 9 lying north of Severn Bridge, and all that portion of No. 16, lying west of the eastern boundry of Mattawa Lodge, No. 405, and that a new district be formed out of these portions.
14. By W. Bro. D. T. Hind,—That Enniskillen Lodge, No. 185, York, be transferred from the Niagara District No. 10 to the Hamilton District No. 8.

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APPENDIX TO PROCEEDINGS OF 1889.

Report on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to present the following report:—

After a lapse of eleven years, the resumption of this summary of the proceedings of other Grand Lodges has been deemed advisable. The Grand Lodge has recognized its utility to the craft and the importance of our members being properly informed as to Masonic matters abroad. As our space is limited, we will endeavor to be as brief as possible, consistently with giving a good general idea of the action had on matters of interest and prominence. Our comments will thus necessarily be few.

In our last report of 1878, we find a number of questions discussed that are still being debated, and others that are now fairly well settled.

The practice as to physical disqualifications is now generally uniform and excludes those who are not capable of complying with all the requisites of the several degrees.

Life membership is forbidden in some jurisdictions, while others speak in its favor.

The installation of Lodge Officers in public, has obtained a foothold in some conservative quarters where we would least expect it. It can be attributed only to a craze for public display that is obnoxious to true Masonry.

The proceedings received will be noticed in alphabetical order, and a list of them will be found at the close of this report.

ALABAMA.

68th Communication, Montgomery, December 3rd, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Myles J. Greene, G. M.

He mentions the death of Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary since 1857. Few brothers were more widely known or more highly esteemed.

Masonry in Alabama has enjoyed a year of unusual prosperity. He formed five new Lodges In his conclusion, the Grand Master, says :--

"In conclusion, let me remind you that the immense material resources of our State and section are attracting world-wide attention. The bursting treasures of the capitalist are unlocked, and the money-kings of the old world, as well as the new, are investing their millions among us. The tide of immigration is turning from the frigid regions of the North and West, to the genial clime of our own sunny South. But along with this mighty influx of population, there are coming moral, social and political elements, which, if not counteracted, will convert into a curse, that which should be a blessing.

Infidelity, Communism and Nihilism have their greedy eyes upon us, and would dispoil us of our fair heritage.

To stem this tide of corruption, and, if possible, avert the danger which threatens our cherished institutions, is the duty of every lover of his home and country. How are these great ends to be attained?

I answer, by the individual and organized efforts of our good people. Such efforts have already been put forth, and they should receive, not only the sympathy, but the active support of every Mason. It is our privilege and duty to co-operate with good men at all times, in the promotion of those virtuous influences that are being employed to combat evil. Let us, with zeal and earnestness, enter the field of conflict ; nerve ourselves for a vigorous contest against the encroachment of vice ; practice, as well as teach, the great "cardinal virtues" of our Order ; and see to it that we live up to the noble principles so eloquently symbolized in our sublime and beautiful rites."

Resolutions were adopted in favor of Quebec as against England, and interdicting intercourse with the members of Hiram Lodge, No. 1, of Connecticut, whose charter was withdrawn by the Grand Lodge for insubordination.

The office of Chief Lecturer was created, and Bro. James M. Brundidge was appointed thereto for life, with an annual salary of \$300. His duty is to instruct the District Lecturers upon the work.

The report of correspondence is by Bro. Palmer J. Pillans. Canada for 1888 is noticed.

M. W. Bro. Henry H. Brown, (Birmingham,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Myles J. Greene, (Montgomery,) G. S.

ARIZONA.

7th Communication, Prescott, November 13th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Francis A. Shaw, G. M.

They are "The Benjamin of the Tribes," but are proudly conscious of their noble heritage. They have gained two new Lodges, and sixty-two in membership. They have had no suspensions for non-payment of dues, although the dues are twelve dollars a year. One of the new Lodges is at Flagstaff, which is about the hottest place we ever were in. Our Brethren there will need all their patience to keep cool enough to continue their devotions at our mystic shrine.

Among the proceedings received, they mention Canada for 1888, and also "Province of Ontario," 1888. There is no legitimate craft Grand Body having jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, except the Grand Lodge of Canada. All others are spurious.

The Committee of Jurisprudence say :—

"The question of physical disabilities has been discussed by nearly every Grand Lodge, and while many of them are opening the door to admit such as can literally comply with the requirements of the ritual, it seems to this committee that it would be wiser at present to require all candidates to be physically sound, not dismembered, *and* to be able to conform literally to the requirements of the degrees of Masonry."

The following was adopted as a standing regulation :—

"Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges are authorized to drop from their annual returns the names of all Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been returned for two years previous, and who have not in that period applied for advancement."

M. W. Bro. Morris Goldwater, (Prescott,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. M. P. Freeman, (Tucson,) G. S.

ARKANSAS.

49th Communication, Little Rock, November, 27th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. W. H. Gee, G. M.

He reports the craft in a reasonably prosperous condition. He formed seven new Lodges.

The Constitution was amended, fixing the time of the Annual Meeting on the third Tuesday of November, instead of the fourth.

The following report was presented, but the record does not show whether it was adopted or not :—

"Your Committee are of opinion that none but a member of a Lodge has the right under the first section of the law of trials to make *formal* charges and act as prosecutor, for no one else has the right to, at all times, appear in and act as a part of the Lodge. But as decided by Grand Master Van Hoose in 1881 (proceedings of 1882, page 183), a profane, even a woman, may prefer charges, in the sense of making an accusation against a member, and on such accusation it would become the duty of the Master to appoint a Committee to investigate the charges; and if the Committee find them well founded, it would be the duty of the Committee to reduce the charges to form, and upon their report the accused is put on trial as prescribed in the By-Laws."

The "United Grand Lodge of New South Wales" was recognized.

Bro. George E. Dodge, presented his resignation as Chairman of Correspondence, which was reluctantly accepted, and a vote of thanks passed for his past services.

As soon as the Grand Lodge had been closed, the exercises of celebrating the fiftieth Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge were entered upon. During these exercises, letters and telegrams of congratulation and best wishes were presented from Brethren in all parts of the country, including our own Grand Secretary. There is only one brother now living, who was a member of a Lodge in Arkansas in 1838. Namely, Bro. John Karns, who was present and gave some very interesting reminiscences. He was warmly welcomed.

At the Banquet which followed, 525 persons attended, and the occasion was made memorable by the eloquent speeches and responses which were then delivered.

M. W. Bro. R. H. Taylor, (Hot Springs,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Fay Hempstead, (Little Rock,) G. S.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

17th Communication, New Westminster, June 23rd, 1888.

M. W. Bro. A. R. Milne, G. M.

On the state of the craft, he says :—

"It is with both pride and satisfaction that I am able to report to you that never since the organization of this Grand Lodge has the fraternity in British Columbia been more prosperous, and the reports which will be submitted to you will furnish grounds for encouragement and satisfaction. Within our jurisdiction all has been harmonious, we have no dissensions to report, no wounds to heal. Our brethren everywhere are zealously engaged in working together for the general good. Dissentions find no abiding place in our Lodges, and in all the fullness and appropriateness of the spirit and teachings of the fraternity, our members meet, act and part. Our increase has been wonderful but healthy; our course onward and

cheering. Lodges have been added to our brotherhood, thus strengthening the tie which binds us to the cause of a universal philanthropy."

He conducted the ceremonies of unveiling the monument to Bro. Samuel Hudson, who nobly sacrificed his life while endeavoring to succor the victims of the explosion in the Vancouver Colliery.

We copy his decisions :—

" First. Application to re-ballot for a candidate on account of supposed near-sightedness of a member casting his ballot. This was refused.

Second. Application to ballot for a candidate at an emergency meeting. This was refused.

1. There is no law to prevent a Brother in good standing who is a member of a foreign Lodge, from affiliating with a Lodge in this jurisdiction, if he desires to do so, and the Lodge to which he applies is willing to receive him.

2. A Brother who is a Past Master of a Lodge under a foreign jurisdiction, and who affiliates with a Lodge in British Columbia, is entitled to a seat and vote in the Grand Lodge, provided that his name and the name of the Lodge in which he formerly served as Master have been duly entered in the returns made to the Grand Secretary by the Lodge which has admitted him as a joining member.

3. That we do not recognize 'dual membership' within this jurisdiction.

4. The performance of the solemn service required by Masonry over the remains of a Brother is Masonic labor, and the Lodge so engaged is *performing* Masonic labor, and must have *absolute* and complete *control*, and can not permit any but affiliated Masons in good standing to take part therein.

I am of the opinion that Masons, resident within our Province, should contribute to the support of the institution in this jurisdiction, otherwise not expect to receive its benefits and privileges, and I would recommend the enactment of a regulation limiting the time, that voluntary non-affiliates with our Lodges, should be entitled to the privileges of Masonry."

The Grand Lodge attended divine service, and heard an excellent sermon by Canon W. H. Cooper, F. R. G. S., acting Grand Chaplain.

The following was adopted :—

" *Resolved*, that a uniform system of work and lectures be adopted by Grand Lodge for all Subordinate Lodges that may hereafter be chartered in this jurisdiction, and for those now holding charters, as the majority of the Lodge shall desire."

M. W. Bro. A. R. Milne, (Victoria,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Henry Brown, (Victoria,) G. S.

CALIFORNIA.

39th Communication, San Francisco, October 9th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Hiram Newton Rucker, G. M.

The year past was a prosperous one and five new Lodges were organized. Some of his decisions are interesting :—

“ Question. Should a Mason, who is a life-member of a Lodge at the time of his expulsion by the Grand Lodge, and who was subsequently restored by that Body, be subject to the payment of dues in becoming a member of another Lodge, or of the Lodge of which he was a life-member?

Answer. Yes. In the first instance, such a contract can have no force with any other than the Lodge with which it was made. In the second, the Grand Lodge only restored the individual to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and not to membership in his Lodge.

Question. When the charter of a Lodge has been arrested and subsequently restored, should its members, who were exempted from the penalty of suspension, pay dues during the time the charter was under arrest?

Answer. The matter may be left to the pleasure of the Lodge, unless there be dissension; in which case payment should be exacted.

Question. To whom should payment of such dues be made?

Answer. To the Lodge, after the restoration of its charter.

Question. In the event that the charter should not be restored, what course should be followed with reference to the exempted member?

Answer. He may receive a dimit from the Grand Lodge, bearing date of the arrest of the charter, provided his dues have been paid to that date.

Question. Is a newly elected Master required to take the Past Master's degree before presiding as Master of a Lodge?

Answer. No. The degree is permitted by the Grand Lodge, and may be conferred, when practicable, as an honorary reward to the brother who has been found worthy by his Lodge to occupy the Oriental Chair, but is not a pre-requisite.

Question. Would it be proper to confer the degrees of Masonry upon one who is subject to epileptic fits?

Answer. It would not be proper.

Question. In the event of a tie vote at the annual election for officers of a Lodge, has the Master the right, in addition to his proper vote, to have the casting vote?

Answer. Certainly not.

Question. What is the correct and exact Masonic definition of ‘ballot,’ as applied in the Grand Lodge Constitution?

Answer. A secret vote by balls, or cubes, or slips of paper.

Question. Can the degrees of Masonry be conferred gratuitously?

Answer. No. It would be contrary to our Constitution.

Question. Is the Entered Apprentice, who has been refused advancement, entitled to a return of the fee accompanying his application for the degrees, or to any part thereof?

Answer. The fee should be returned, less the amount charged by the Lodge for the Entered Apprentice degree.

Question. Has the Master of a Lodge the right to refuse admission to a visitor on the objection of a member, without requiring said member to state such objection to him, that he may determine upon its validity?

Answer. The Master should ‘require that the reasons therefor be

stated to him, and he must be the judge of their sufficiency.' [The word 'should' is used instead of 'may' in a former report of the Committee on Jurisprudence as a fair interpretation of Sec. 16, Art. III, Part III, of the Constitution, and would seem to make it the imperative duty of the Master to require that the reasons be stated to him.]"

The Grand Master is against the incorporation of Lodges and also against having stimulants at Lodge Banquets.

Bro. James Wright Anderson, has an excellent and elaborate report on correspondence, covering 145 pages. Canada for 1887 receives a good notice. On life membership, he says:—

"We are opposed to life-memberships on principle; but we do not think that anywhere is it *universally* conceded, or even *almost* universally, that they are detrimental. We are sorry that it is not so conceded, and we will go so far as to say that we think that it would conserve the interests of Masonry and our Lodges, if Grand Lodge would deal with this matter as they generally do with the matter of incorporation of Lodges. Where, however, a contract of life-membership has been entered into, we do not think that it is competent for a Lodge or a Grand Lodge to annul such contract."

California wrestled with the question of incorporation for several years, and after very careful consideration, arrived at the conclusion that it would be unwise to permit Lodges to incorporate. Bro. Anderson thinks that Lodges should not be permitted to put themselves in a position where they could set themselves in opposition to any regulation of the Grand Lodge. We think he is quite correct.

The following report on some of the decisions of the Grand Master, by the committee on jurisprudence, was adopted:—

"With respect to the first of these, (1), they agree with the Grand Master that the contract of life-membership is with the particular Lodge of which the party was a member at the date of the contract; that the contract was only that, for a consideration deemed by the Lodge sufficient, he would thereafter be exempt from dues in that Lodge; and that, if for any reason his connection with that Lodge should be severed and he should become a member of another Lodge, he would be subject to the payment of dues in that Lodge. But if, as in the case presented in the question, having been expelled and subsequently restored, he should be again elected to membership in the particular Lodge of which he had been a member, your committee think that he should be deemed to be restored to all the rights pertaining to his life-membership, as well as to others. His contract was that in *that* Lodge he should be forever exempt from the payment of dues, and common justice would require the observance of that contract on the part of the Lodge. It is true that when his connection was once severed by expulsion or withdrawal it would be for the Lodge to say whether it would receive him again, but if it should receive him, it should restore him to his former standing in all respects, and should be ready to perform all its obligations to him."

As to the decisions in relation to the dues of Masons, who, by the

order arresting the charter of a Lodge, are exempted from suspension, (2,) your committee think that the rule should be absolute that members so exempted should pay dues during the period of arrest—to the Lodge if the charter be restored, and to the Grand Lodge if it be revoked and the Lodge be declared extinct. Of course either of these bodies could remit such dues, but unless remitted they should be paid. In case the charter be revoked they should be paid up to the date of issuing the certificate by the Grand Secretary, which entitles its holder to all the rights which would have been his had he received a certificate of withdrawal (dimit) from his Lodge. At the date of the declaration by the Grand Lodge that a Lodge has become extinct, whether by the revocation of its charter or by the acceptance of the surrender thereof, all its members, theretofore in good standing, become non-affiliated Masons, and, as such, are to be deemed subject to the provisions of Section 1, Article II, Part V, and Section 8, Article V, Part VI, of our Constitution. The rule in this matter should be fixed, and never left to the discretion of the Lodge, because the exercise of such discretion would be very likely to produce the dissension which is spoken of in the decision.

And as to the decision relative to the so-called degree of Past Master, (3,) your committee suggest that the Grand Master has probably overlooked the 1st of the General Regulations of our Grand Lodge, which reads as follows :—

1. This Grand Lodge recognizes no *degree* of Past Master conferred by any authority not Holden under a legitimate Grand Lodge—acknowledging only the *Order* of that name as it exists in the ceremonies attending the installation of the Master elect of a chartered Lodge; which Order shall be conferred only by a convocation of Masters or Past Masters, not less than three in number, who have thus regularly received it.

While the real reason for the adoption of this Regulation was, doubtless that Past Masters of Chapter creation often claimed the right, at an early period of our history, to participate in the proceedings of such a convocation as is therein named, it is evident that the Grand Lodge not only recognized the Order or Degree—whichever it may be called—as an existing part of the ceremonies attending the installation of the Master elect of a chartered Lodge, but, inferentially at least, concurred in the propriety of observing that ancient usage by prescribing the manner in which the Order should be conferred. It appears in most, if not all, of the many Masonic Manuals, Monitors, Trestle Boards, etc., which have from time to time been published, as being conferred at the time of the installation, but in this Jurisdiction it is customary to confer it previously thereto, to avoid an interruption of the ceremonies. The Regulation has never been rescinded, and your committee therefore consider it to be a still existing law.”

The same committee thus reported on life membership :—

“ *Excelsior* Lodge, No. 166, adopted a standing resolution to the effect that any one of its members who had paid his dues to the Lodge and had maintained good standing therein for the period of twenty-five years, should thereafter be exempt from the payment of dues. This resolution was in direct conflict with a by-law of that Lodge which declares that ‘The dues of each member of the Lodge shall be one dollar per month, payable quarterly in advance.’ The Grand Master very properly declared this resolution void, as it is clear that no Lodge can amend, repeal, or nullify one of its by-laws by a standing resolution.

Your committee join with him in his disapproval of the plan proposed by that resolution, even were it lawful, and in his suggestion that the better plan, if there be any good plan at all in regard to life-membership, would be to grant such exemption only upon the payment of a sum of money

which the Lodge shall judge to be at least a fair equivalent for its monthly dues ; and that the money so received should in all cases be securely invested as a distinct fund, of which only the income should be used for current or even extraordinary expenses. That fund should stand in the place of the member himself for the payment of dues. If extraordinary expense is at any time incurred, it should be met by an increase of the dues of the members of the Lodge, and a life-member should no more be exempt from such an increase than one who had maintained his standing by the monthly payment of his dues."

M. W. Bro. Morris M. Estee, (San Francisco,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell, (San Francisco,) G. S.

We regret to learn of the continued ill health of Bro. Abell, and hope for his speedy recovery.

COLORADO.

28th Communication, Denver, September 18th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. George K. Kimball, G. M.

He believes that the Past Masters' Degree has no place in Craft Masonry, and that it is not necessary that a master should have it before he can preside in his Lodge. We differ. It is a necessary part of the installation of a master, and he is not qualified to preside until he is properly installed. It is, however, improperly called the "Past Masters' Degree;" it is properly "the degree of an installed master."

He formed four new Lodges.

He declined to grant permission for brethren to appear in regalia at a pic-nic and dance, holding "that Masonic clothing is only to be worn when at labor." We approve.

He declined to lay the corner-stone of a new Opera House, "deeming such duty not compatible with Masonic work, the proposed building not being either for charitable, religious or educational purposes." We approve.

The following resolution was adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognizes no degrees in Masonry except those conferred under the regulations of the Grand Lodges of the various States and Territories of the United States, and the Governments throughout the World. It admits the following named organizations, and none other, to be regular and duly constituted Masonic Bodies, namely : The General Grand R. A. Chapter of the U. S.; the Grand R. A. Chapters of the several States and Territories of the U. S., and the R. A. Chapters and other bodies under their jurisdiction; the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the U. S.; the Grand Councils of Royal and Select Masters of the several States and Territories of the U. S., and the Councils under their jurisdiction; the Grand Encampment of the U. S.; the Grand Commanderies of the several States and Territories

of the U. S., and the Commanderies under their jurisdiction ; the Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern and Southern jurisdictions of the U. S., of which Henry L. Palmer and Albert Pike are Sov. Grand Commanders, respectively, and the various bodies under their jurisdiction."

If none other than those named are regular Masonic bodies, what becomes of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges ?

The report on correspondence is by Bro. James H. Peabody, P. G. M., and notices Canada for 1887. He says we are a well-governed jurisdiction.

In his conclusion, he says :—

" We have stood by the ancient landmarks of the Order, as they were explained to us, when given us in charge.

We do not, have not, and can not favor such propositions as "perpetual jurisdiction," "forced affiliation," "public installations," the necessity of the Past Master's Degree as a prerequisite to the installation of the Master of a Lodge, or galloping through the degrees by the aid of a five dollar note and a Grand Master's dispensation.

Neither do we favor the admission into our Order of deformities, whether of a mental or physical character.

We fully realize that some of our brethren will denominate us a "rigid constructionist," and so we are. In like manner, they in turn may be criticised by others.

Wherein we have erred, we have done so in our endeavor to protect our landmarks, ceremonies and symbolisms from innovation."

M. W. Bro. William D. Todd, (Denver,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Edward C. Parmelee, (Pueblo,) G. S.

CONNECTICUT.

101st Communication, New Haven, January 16th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. John W. Mix, G. M.

New South Wales was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :—

" *Resolved.* That there be required and paid to the Grand Lodge from each Subordinate Lodge within its jurisdiction, the sum of TWENTY CENTS from each member upon its rolls ; *provided, however,* that in estimating its membership, all members may be deducted who have been Masons for thirty years, and also those whose whereabouts have been unknown for the five preceding years."

The term of office for grand representatives was fixed at five years from the dates of their commissions.

The title of District Deputy Grand Master was changed to that of "District Deputy."

The Grand Secretary was ordered to procure a sufficient

number of Past Grand Masters' Jewels, to be owned by the Grand Lodge, and to be worn in public processions by the Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary and notices Canada for 1888. In his conclusion, he says:—

"We find the craft enjoying an unusual degree of prosperity, and harmony seems to exist throughout the entire domain of free-masonry, except that disturbance which now exists within our own borders. In our report we have incorporated all that has been said referring to this unfortunate controversy, and in every case the Grand Lodge is sustained in the course which has been pursued. The controversy seems to hinge on the question of landmarks, which has been very forcibly answered by Brother Drummond of Maine, which was published in our report a year ago, and by Brother William R. Singleton, of the District of Columbia, which appears in our present report.

Our own opinion is in accordance with the views, which these distinguished brethren have presented, *i. e.*, that 'a dueguard is not a landmark,' but of comparatively recent origin, and has been subject to change by several bodies, and at the present time there is no uniformity, although about four-fifths of the American jurisdictions are using what was last adopted by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. In some jurisdictions the dueguard is unknown in the M. M. degree. Among these can be numbered the Grand Lodge of Canada, which traces its source and customs to the Grand Lodge of England, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which boasts of the introduction of Masonry from England, into its jurisdiction, as early as 1730.

Brother Albert G. Mackey says 'the dueguard is an Americanism, and of comparatively recent origin, being unknown to the English and continental systems. In some of the old rituals of the date of 1757, the expression is used, but only as referring to what is now called the sign.'

I have accumulated quite a large amount of correspondence on this subject which would be of interest, but its esoteric nature forbids the printing of it."

M. W. Bro. John H. Swartwout, (Stamford,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, (Hartford,) G. S.

DAKOTA.

14th Communication, Deadwood, June 12th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Henry M. Wheeler, G. M.

He hopes that their deliberations may be characterized by an earnestness and wisdom commensurate with the length of their travel, as their place of meeting is among the Black Hills in the extreme south-western portion of the State. He formed eight new Lodges. They have 100 Lodges and 4051 members, increase, 512. Their average membership per Lodge is gradually increasing.

Excellent rules regarding non-affiliates were adopted:—

"1st. An unaffiliated Mason has no right to visit any one Lodge in this jurisdiction more than three times, nor can he be permitted to join in any Masonic procession or participate in any festivity of the Lodge except by the courtesy thereof.

2nd. He or his family can make no claim for charity upon the funds of the Lodge, but the same may be granted when thought just and proper. He is, however, bound to respond, so far as his ability permits, to the call of distress by an individual Mason, and they are in like manner bound to him.

3rd. He has no right to Masonic burial, but the same may be given him by the Lodge at its discretion, if he has shown commendable zeal for the interests and adhered to the principles of the institution.

4th. He is subject to all Masonic obligations as a member of the fraternity at large, and for any violation of the moral or Masonic law, subject to trial and discipline by the Lodge near which he sojourns or resides."

The Grand Master was authorized to establish schools of instruction, and to appoint a Grand Lecturer at five dollars a day and expenses, the per diem to be paid by the Lodges instructed, and the expenses by the Grand Lodge.

Membership in the Grand Lodge is confined to the Grand Officers, the Masters and Wardens and Past Elective Grand Officers. This rules out all Past Masters.

A proposal to reduce the Grand Lodge dues from seventy-five cents to fifty cents was not adopted.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Frank J. Thompson, and notices Canada for 1887.

M. W. Bro. John Q. A. Braden, (Aberdeen,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Charles T. McCoy, (Aberdeen,) G. S.

DELAWARE.

82nd Communication, Wilmington, October 3rd, 1888.

M. W. Bro. George W. Marshall, G. M.

He congratulates the Brethren upon the progress they have made and on the harmony prevailing. He visited nearly all of their 21 Lodges. He mentions one brother, Robert B. Jump, who has completed the 62nd year of his Masonic relations, and the 85th year of his life.

A Lodge of instruction was established at Wilmington, solely for the dissemination of the work and lectures of Ancient Craft Masonry, and instruction in Masonic knowledge generally. It is to hold regular monthly meetings.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Lewis H. Jackson,

P. D. G. M., and has a good notice of Canada for 1887.
In it he says :—

" This Grand Lodge has a praise-worthy system of practical benevolence, which we do not believe is equalled by any other Grand Lodge on this continent. Think of it, brethren—\$10,850 disbursed the past year among the distressed members' widows and orphans of the Craft in Canada ! Well done ! and worthy of all praise !

The 'Journal of Proceedings' is a volume of 320 pages, beautifully bound in '*purple and gold*,' well befitting such a Grand Lodge, and we have been filled with admiration in the perusal of its contents."

He has the following sensible remarks on the Mission of Masonry with regard to the liquor sellers :—

" But we ask what is the "nature and mission of Masonry." Is it not "a beautiful system of morality," and its mission to promote "brotherly love, relief and truth" among men? And is there anything in "Saloon-keeping or liquor selling" in agreement with these beneficent objects? Is not the entire tendency of "the business" against the "nature and mission of Masonry?" How can any one, engage in such "business" when he applies for admission into Masonry, honestly declare, as he is required to do, that he has "a sincere desire of being serviceable to his fellow-creatures?" Masonry is not departing from its "nature and mission" when it declines to take into its bosom individuals whose "nefarious business" is so dangerous to the peace and happiness of humanity.

We would respectfully propound the following questions for our M. W. Brother's serious consideration.

1. Have the saloons ever done any good ?
2. Have the homes of our citizens been made happier or brighter, and men made nobler or better in any way by the presence of the saloons ?
3. Do they add anything to the neatness and attractiveness of our towns and villages, or make them more desirable as places of residence ?
4. Do they not increase the number of poor and degraded people in any community?"

M. W. Bro. James S. Dobb, (Wilmington,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. William S. Hayes, (Wilmington,) G. S.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

78th Communication, Washington, November 14th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Jesse W. Lee, Jr., G. M.

On the question of mixed Funerals, he says :—

" In the early part of my administration a subject which, at one time, caused considerable feeling in this jurisdiction, (and a great deal of comment outside of it,) and which was supposed to have been finally adjusted and set at rest, was presented to me for action. I refer to the question of "mixed funerals." A member of one of our Lodges died, being also a member of a non-Masonic organization. This latter expressed a desire to attend the funeral and perform its service at the grave. The attendance and performance of service was readily enough granted, but the question arose, "Which service should have precedence at the grave?" Section 25, article XX, of the Grand Constitution, read thus :

"No Lodge shall form a public procession, except for a Masonic funeral, without permission of the M. W. Grand Master; and none but Master Masons shall participate in Masonic funeral services. When other associations, or the military, attend the funeral of a Brother, who is being buried Masonically, the Lodge performing the service must of necessity have entire control of all arrangements."

You will perceive that the section just quoted is silent as to precedence, so far as the burial service is concerned.

There was a difference of opinion expressed by those with whom I consulted on the subject.

I learned that on some occasions the Lodge had performed its service, then withdrew, leaving the non-Masonic body to perform theirs, and bury the Brother; on other occasions the Lodge had performed the final service.

The matter was left to the discretion of the Master of the Lodge having charge.

Almost immediately thereafter a Brother of another Lodge died, he also being a member of a non-Masonic organization. The same question arose. I then directed that the Masonic burial service should be the concluding or final one.

It appeared to me that it was not only proper that the Lodge should have charge of the "arrangements" of the funeral, but also perform the last sad rites, and see the Brother's remains deposited in the bosom of our common mother earth."

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

At a special communication, resolutions upholding the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in the matter of Hiram Lodge, were adopted.

The corner stone of the new Cathedral of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, was laid by the Grand Master, and an eloquent address was delivered by Bro. Albert Pike, from which we make the following extract:—

"Wherever Freemasons have in any time met in Lodge together, whether in English inns or in open air, in cities or in the camps of armies, or in our lately peopled villages, where the church, the school-house, and the Masonic-hall, builded side by side, marked the advance of American civilization on its march across the continent; or in boats on the bay of Naples, to elude the spies of the twin tyrannies; whether in Spain under the bloody Ferdinand, in Russia under a tolerant Czar, in the city of Constantine permitted by the Sultan, in Egypt under the protection of the Khedive, himself a Mason, or in the Mohammedan and Parsee Lodges of Bombay under the Provincial Grand Lodge of Scotland; whether in its youth, or since it has grown to its present estate of ripening manhood, there have always been present in the Lodge, as inspectors of the work, those divinities, beautiful and gracious, the spirit of brotherhood, trustfulness in the beneficence of God, the love of truth, fleet-footed charity, large-souled tolerance, and warm-hearted loving-kindness, whose presence has made the most plainly furnished lodge in camp or frontier village radiant with a greater beauty than that which adorns the chambers of luxury in the palaces of kings.

It has been said that Masonry is not a religion. If it be said that it is not Christianity, or Hebraism, or Mohammedanism, or Parseeism, this is true; but there was religion in the world before any of these were; and if

the faith of the enlightened thinkers of Greece and Rome, of Egypt and India, who believed that there was one Divine Creator and Preserver of the Universe, its Lord or Ruler, loving and adoring Him as beneficent and wise, and that the intelligent soul of man did not cease to be at the death of the body ; if this was a religion, surely Freemasonry, having the same belief and trustful reverence, is likewise a religion, within the definition of the Apostle James and the Prophet Isaiah, and by the declaration of Christ himself as to that which was “all the law and the prophets.”

When the railing accusation was brought against Freemasonry that it is hostile to a lawful government, a Mason need make no other reply than this : That as our institution is the faithful handmaiden of religion whenever that which calls itself religion claims only the power to teach and persuade, and does not pretend to the right to persecute, or exert itself to overcome republican or constitutional government, so everywhere, Free-masons, individually and collectively are loyal and active supporters of such governments, in all the American republics, in France and Switzerland, in Great Britain and Denmark, in Sweden and Norway, in the Netherlands and Belgium, in Brazil, in Germany and Spain and Portugal, in Hungary and Italy and Greece, for felicity and loyalty, and peace and order, and subordination to lawful authority are the household gods of Freemasonry.

No human institution lives long without changes in its organic structure, in the processes of its action, in its forms and methods, and even in its principles once regarded as essential and unchangeable. The restless activity of humanity makes stability impossible. From the common lot of all Freemasonry is not exempt ; but, in the main, it has stood upon the old ways, and thence made progress. The constitutions of civil government and political organization, whether written or broadened from precedent to precedent, change more in a score of years than Masonry has changed in a century. For the most part it has adhered to the spirit, if not altogether to the letter of the old Charges and Regulations, too much, perhaps, in some things, in which it might be better if the letter of the old law governed it less and its spirit more.”

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence. On Masonry as a religion, he says :—

“Masonry requires every *entrant* to acknowledge his “*trust in God*.” Now the word *religion* essentially means just what Masoury requires ; and, when the Grand Orient of France took that feature from her Constitution, she became, in effect, the advocate of “*irreligious libertinism*” and un-Masonic.

Masonry is unsectarian, non-denominational, and not dogmatic; but essentially religious, because, according to the belief of every honest Mason, he is “bound back,” as the word *religio* signifies, to the Being in whom he puts his implicit trust, and if that be not *religious*, then what is it ?

As a life-long professor of the *Christian* religion we heartily endorse the *religion*, as such of every Mason as positively opposed to the Atheism of the World, and we doubt not that when Bro. Maxwell will duly consider the difference between religion in the abstract and any dogmatism or sectarianism, he too must confess that every Mason must, “by his tenure,” be not only a “moral man,” but also a religious one, for there is no morality possible unless founded upon a religious acknowledgment of a supreme superintending moral Governor, to whom all moral questions *must of necessity* be referred, or as our lecture says, “otherwise no obliga-

tion would be binding upon us." If a conscientious Mason will start from his acknowledged "trust in God" and reason upwardly, he must become a dogmatic religionist of some sort; greatly depending upon the course which he may pursue. This writer has landed in the dogmatisms of Christianity; not because he was so educated, but by a course of philosophical reasoning. Another Brother may deduce his Jewish faith and another his Mahomedanism, yet all must be *ex necessitate* from the original basis of belief, *i. e.* in GOD, which is not sufficient for man in this life nor the life to come."

In his review of Canada for 1888, he thus comments on one of our rulings:—

"In his decisions he states that "a visitor has a right to know that the Body he proposes to visit is a legal Body, and he has the right to inspect the warrant at a proper time, but he has no right to put the Lodge or its officers to trouble or inconvenience while at work. The Master would be justified in refusing to allow the warrant to be taken out of the Lodge-room while the Lodge is at work."

We heartily concur in the first part of this decision, and in dictum, that no one can put the Lodge to inconvenience; but we cannot concur in the last part, for the simple reason that the charter being in charge of the Examining Committee is Masonically in the Lodge and its premises.

We know of no Masonic law requiring the charter to be in the actual room where work is being conducted. Such was not the old custom.

Many a Lodge has worked when the charter was at the home of the Master. Its *presence* was not absolutely necessary.

What constitutes a Lodge? is a modern phrase of ritualism, and not a landmark unalterable; hence any Grand Lodge can legislate on the conduct of a Lodge or a W. Master as to where the charter *must* be, to permit work to be legitimately performed. If a Grand Lodge declares its actual presence in the "room" necessary, then it should never be absent. This is the custom in the District of Columbia, and consequently precedent regulates it with us."

M. W. Bro. Harrison Dingman, G. M.

R. W. Bro. W. R. Singleton, G. S.

FLORIDA.

60th Communication, Jacksonville, January 15th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Norvelle R. Carter, G. M.

On the Yellow Fever visitation, he says:—

"Early after the epidemic became general, Bro. W. L. Baldwin stated to me, by letter, that the distress was becoming general among the fraternity, and that local resources were about exhausted. I immediately instructed Bro. Baldwin to have printed and circulated, at once, an appeal to the Order of this jurisdiction for assistance, which was liberally responded to, but the rapid spread of the fever, and suffering among the fraternity, rendered it necessary to make an appeal to the brotherhood throughout the United States. Bro. Baldwin having succumbed to the prevailing disease, and Bro. C. W. Johnson being Chairman, with Bro. Conova, Treasurer of Masonic Relief Committee, and Bro. A. W. Knight as Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*, with my authority issued the appeal, which was so liberally and generously responded to, and with such promptness, that

very soon the committee had to call a halt. From all appearances, we had sufficient funds for all possible emergencies, both for the relief of distress in the City "of Jacksonville and in other afflicted Towns in this jurisdiction, which I instructed the committee to look after."

Eight new Lodges were formed. The Grand Master suggests that the proper position for a Lodge Chaplain is to the left and in front of the Master. He ruled that the Master of a Lodge can dimit. On the importance of correct work, he says :—

"I recommend to the fraternity the importance of learning and sticking to the Grand Lodge work. It is too frequently the case that Masters and Brethren of the particular Lodges are indifferent about learning the work as adopted by the Grand Lodge, and use and teach the work as learned by themselves in some other jurisdiction. While there is no material difference, the verbiage, in many instances, is different, and more voluminous, while it does not add to the beauty or simplicity of the work. If, Brethren, you think more of the forms than the beauties and principles of Masonry, then you will continue to contend for the practice of the forms learned in the jurisdictions where you were made Masons. But, as before stated, if you honestly endeavor to harmonize upon local edicts, with a view to improvement, there will be no confusion about our work."

Comp. D. C. Dawkins, gives one of the very best reports on correspondence that has come before us. We had marked many passages to extract, but find that our space will not permit their insertion. Our proceedings for 1888 are reviewed.

M. W. Bro. Henry W. Long, (Martel,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Dewitt C. Dawkins, (Jacksonville,) G. S.

GEORGIA.

102nd Communication, Macon, October 30th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. John S. Davidson, G. M.

We copy some of his decisions :—

"5. An applicant being within thirty-six hours of twenty-one years of age filed his petition to be made a Mason. The Lodge laid it on the table until the expiration of the thirty-six hours and then desired to entertain it. Held illegal. The petition for Masonry cannot legally be made by one not twenty-one years of age at the date he applies. If it could be legally laid on the table for thirty-six hours, it could be for a year or more, and a person of any age could apply.

6. A Mason who wilfully removes from the ballot-box all the black ballots, so as to prevent a full and free exercise of the right of ballot, is guilty of a high crime against Masonry, and, if convicted, should be recommended for expulsion.

7. A Mason is guilty of fornication or adultery with a lewd woman who is known to him at the time he committed the offence to be the

daughter of a Mason. Held, that the want of chastity in the woman does not change the Masonic offence.

S. Masonry does not recognize any side degrees and does not attempt to exercise any jurisdiction over them. It can only punish its members for any improper use of its secret work in connection with such degrees."

Two new Lodges were organized. Their prosperity continues without sign of retrogression. The social feature is growing more in favor and practice.

In a letter from Bro. J. Emmett Blackshear, who was visiting in London, we find the following :—

"I have had the opportunity of attending only one Communication of the Grand Lodge of England since I came to London. The meetings are quarterly, as you know, and are conducted very differently from the manner in which we do business in American Grand Lodges. They have a Board of General Purposes, who meet monthly, to hear grievances and to attend to any other business that may arise. It is before this Board that all discussions take place and all matters are finally disposed of. They say they prefer to wash their dirty clothes at home, in the family, so they can come before the Grand Communication clad in clean garments. What is there done is simply a formal recognition of what the aforesaid Board has done. The Grand Communications are, therefore, of brief duration, never lasting over one evening. The one I attended opened at 8 p. m. and closed at 9 p. m., and yet the hall, which is quite large and gorgeously decorated, was filled to overflowing, even the galleries. Every one in attendance, moreover, was in full evening dress, and full jeweled, no one being admitted without his jewel. Many where, indeed, ablaze with jewels.

I never had much taste for personal decorations, yet for the nonce I rather regretted that I had not, before leaving America, supplied myself with a modest emblem of my Masonic rank, which would have entitled me to a position of honor; as it was, I borrowed a Past Master's jewel and took my seat among the small fry. I, perhaps, enjoyed it as much, however, as if I had been among the Princes and Lords of the Realm, the Prince of Wales being at the head.

The Temple, which is on Great Queen Street, presents a very respectable, though not particularly imposing exterior. The facade is ornamented with six Corinthian columns, and with statuary representing the Cardinal Virtues. Adjoining the Temple is the Freemasons' Tavern, where the Grand Banquets are held.

The following resolutions were adopted :—

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the election to the Degrees in Masonry of persons engaged in the business of saloon-keeping should be discouraged, and that all members of Lodges who are engaged in such business should be encouraged to discontinue the same as hurtful, not only to the Craft, but to the community at large."

"WHEREAS, We learn that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, John S. Davidson, is preparing a lecture upon the meaning of Masonic signs. Therefore be it

Resolved, That he be requested to deliver such lecture before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, at such an hour as may suit his convenience."

The report on correspondence is written by five members,

each taking part of the proceedings received. Canada does not appear.

M. W. Bro. John S. Davidson, (Augusta,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. A. M. Wolihin, (Macon,) G. S.

IDAHO.

21st Communication, Boise, September 11th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Edward A. Stevenson, G. M.

Fifteen Lodges were represented, out of seventeen on the roll and two under dispensation.

The Grand Master reports the Craft in a flourishing condition. He thinks there is a tendency on the part of members to disobey Lodge notices, and believes that every Mason is under the strongest obligation to obey the summons of the Lodge, and that a neglect or refusal to obey such summons is good cause for discipline, even to expulsion. Surely suspension would be sufficient punishment for this offence, the death penalty should only be inflicted for the gravest offences.

The California work was approved and adopted as the work of this jurisdiction.

Charges were directed to be preferred against a Brother who had obtained the Degrees under an assumed name, thereby fraudulently preventing a full and complete inquiry into his former character.

Resolutions were proposed regarding the consolidation of Lodges and enlarging the powers of the Grand Lodge as to trials, but the record does not show that they were adopted.

Among the 723 members, they have 149 farmers, 142 miners, 36 stock-growers, 22 blacksmiths and only one real estate agent.

Bro. Charles C. Stevenson reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1887.

M. W. Bro. John Hunter, (Boise City,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. James H. Wickersham, (Boise City,) G. S.

ILLINOIS.

49th Communication, October 2nd, 1888.

M. W. Bro. John C. Smith, G. M.

His address covers 38 pages. The general condition of the Craft is excellent. Scotland has made a Mason of a resident of Illinois and the Grand Master complained, with the usual result. The correspondence is given in full. Scotland refused to acknowledge that they had done any wrong, and Bro. Smith thinks that if the Grand Lodges on this continent were to make Masons of tourists from Europe, as they do of those from the United States, there would soon be a change of their laws on this subject. We doubt if it would make the slightest difference.

Bro. Smith strongly upholds Quebec against England. He formed two new Lodges and refused some fifteen others. He advocates the reduction of mileage from ten to six cents. On their "Home" he says :—

"There are now fourteen children in the Home, carefully fed, clothed, and being educated. Do you ask where the money comes from to do these things? I answer, from the charitably disposed brethren, a few Masonic bodies, and the Knights Templar ball of last winter. I deeply regret to have to say that it is not to any great extent from the Lodges, the orphan children of whose deceased members have been the recipients of their generous bounty; as I am credibly informed that there have been several children from Lodges the membership of which have never contributed one dollar to the institution."

We copy two of his decisions, both right :—

"4. "I claim that it requires *seven* Master Masons and a *Tiler* to open and close Lodge."

Answer. You are wrong; Grand Lodge has decided that *seven* Master Masons, though one of the seven be the *Tiler* or a brother acting as *Tiler*, are the number required to be present, and seven members of the Lodge are required to be present to transact the business of the Lodge.

5. Can we receive the petition of a worthy man, who is well respected in our community, but who is of one-eighth African blood?

Answer. Yes. If the applicant possesses all the qualifications required by the ancient landmarks and our laws. [See Sections I. and II., Art. XII., part second, Grand Lodge By-Laws.] Masonry knows no distinction of race or color. It is the mental, moral and physical qualifications of the man that are to be considered, and not the color of his skin."

He thinks that Grand Lecturers should be paid by those who employ them, and in this connection he has some very excellent remarks on the social features of Masonry :—

"There is no more reason why Grand Lodge should pay for ritualistic lectures than that it should pay for lectures on friendship, morality, or brotherly love. There is, I am sorry to say, a tendency on the part of the few to look upon the perfect Ritualist as a model Mason, no matter what his deficiency in all that goes to make a master workman, a good executive officer, or a companionable Craftsman. You can no more command the interest of your membership by making the ritual the all-absorbing and ideal thought of Masonry, than you can build up the congregation of a church by the pastor reciting the creed to his people on every Sabbath, and giving them nothing more. Masonry was founded for social and fraternal purposes, and when you depart from these cardinal and organic principles you reduce the fraternity to a level with the life and health associations of the present day. Better give up Masonry than do this, for you cannot compete with them. The strength of this fraternity is not in the number of its members, but in the intelligence, virtue and companionship of the Craftsmen.

Our members were thought, in former times, to have given too much of their time and means to this social feature; but they were only in accord with the times, and they were never accused of a failure to respond to the cry for relief. It now behoves us not to go to the other extreme, which in some communities we are certainly doing.

In getting rid of certain customs, which in this day have become vices, we drove them from the Lodge to chapter, from chapter to commandery, and from commandery to, well! I may say clubs; and with them went the entire social and companionable features of Freemasonry. This is all wrong, and is working an evil. No sooner is the Brother taken through the various associations of Freemasonry named, than he is told that he must now join the "Ancient Companions," or some similar organization, to find that social companionship he has so much expected in the Lodge. So with what is known as the "higher grades." A Mason climbs to the "Thirty-third" round of the ladder, and is there met with the information that what he sought and for which the man ever craves, companionship, is only to be found in the "Plebeian Order of No Man's Land."

Far be it from me to advocate a return to that social habit, now so much detested by all Freemasons; and much less would I advocate a reckless expenditure of money to the bankruptcy of Lodges, but knowing, from practical experience, the benefits arising from a simple and inexpensive luncheon, I would justify any Lodge in an expenditure for the same, and most earnestly recommend that they participate in such more frequently than they now do, and that they take their wives and daughters with them on all proper occasions. One of the most elegant banquets I attended last winter was set by the Craftsmen of Taylorville; but I assure you, brethren, that it gave me no more pleasure than the simple coffee and sandwich of the Brothers at Danville.

There is a good deal that is human in the advice given by an old lady to a niece who was just married: "Auntie," said the bride, "if John and I can only live as long and as happy together as you and uncle, I will die content. Tell me the secret of your happiness! Won't you?" The old lady replied: "Yes, Lottie; I will. All men love good eating; feed John well!"

His concluding remarks are also very good:—

"The constant application for dispensation to permit Lodges to parade upon other than "strictly Masonic" occasions, were so numerous, and the reasons so few that admitted of the request being granted, that I determined to call a halt and remind the brethren of their duties as Freemasons.

The facts are that in a large majority of cases, the wish to parade was born of the desire to make a display and participate with civic and military organizations in attracting public attention.

To keep up with the band wagon and divide plaudits of children with the drum major is not Freemasonry. Acts of pure charity, disinterested friendship, and other Masonic virtues are practiced in secret, and away from the prying eyes of the outside world. This circular also calls attention to the fact that a dispensation is necessary to close Lodge in the summer months, or for any period beyond the time named in by-laws.

No appeal for aid other than in case of a general disaster, as that of the destruction by cyclone of the city of Mt. Vernon, have been recommended by me during the past year. I have permitted the same on request of officers of Lodge, but only then attached certificate that Lodge was a legally warranted Lodge.

The reasons assigned were often the lifting of mortgage from farm, failure to insure property, death of a horse or cow, to erect a saw-mill or buy a flat-boat, a class of property which a large majority of the Craft never owned, that I deemed it necessary to restrict these appeals. Upon inquiry I found little or no contributions had been made by membership of Lodge asking to make appeal for aid, that I had to add to my circular as follows : 'This statement to Grand Master must also give, as near as can be, amount of money contributed by the brethren and donated by Lodge.'"

There were only two appeals, which is a good showing for so large a jurisdiction. We notice that they do not print the names of the Brethren interested in these matters.

The following report was adopted :—

" Your committee on Masonic correspondence to whom has been referred certain documents emanating from a body having its seat of government at Mayaguez, in the island of Porto-Rico, and styling itself the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Porto-Rico, including an application for recognition by, and an interchange of representatives with this Grand Lodge, has had the same under consideration, and fraternally reports :

The body making this application was organized in September, 1885, by the deputies and representatives of fourteen Lodges, being all the Lodges existing in the Island, all previously owning allegiance to the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba, which body, by a decree issued on the 5th of July, 1885, formally relinquished the territory of the Island to the new body.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois has declined to recognize the parent body known as the United Grand Lodge of Colon and the island of Cuba, whereof the alleged lodges participating in the formation of this new body were constituents ; not because of curable irregularities in its formation, such as the non-participation of a majority of the Lodges in the territory, or the like, but for congenital and incurable illegitimacy of the bodies forming it, it having been organized by so-called Lodges chartered by a supreme council, or by a grand orient whose charters were required to be vised by a supreme council before they became effective.

In 1879 this Grand Lodge formally declared (*Proc. 1879, page 50.*) as follows : " We utterly deny that any body save a representative Grand Lodge can by warrant or charter create a Lodge that has any claim whatever to the name of Masonry, or that can administer its rites ; and as

emphatically deny that any body which establishes as a condition of eligibility to membership therein any distinctions save those known to "The Charges of a Freemason," viz : Master, Fellow and Apprentice, or which admits that any organization based upon, or by virtue of, distinctions other than these, may supervise, veto, or in any manner restrict its action, within the sphere circumscribed by those charges, is a Grand Lodge within the meaning of Masonic law."

Standing upon this ground, which your committee believes to be not only unassailable but the only ground consistent with loyalty to the ancient landmarks whose constraint is acknowledged by an express proviso of its constitution, this Grand Lodge has steadfastly denied the legitimacy of Lodges assumed to be created by charters issued by supreme councils or by grand orients wherein the supreme council holds either the power of direction or of veto, and has repeatedly decided that the members of such bodies could not be permitted to visit its Lodges.

All of the bodies participating in the organization of the alleged Grand Lodge now seeking recognition as a governing body in Masonry being of this spurious character, your committee knows of no principle of law by which they can convert themselves into Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons by simply inserting the words "Free and Accepted Masons" in the title of the body which they unite to create.

Your committee therefore recommends that the Grand Lodge of Illinois decline to enter into fraternal relations with the body styling itself the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Porto-Rico, or to recognize it as a legitimate governing body in Masonry."

We copy part of the report of the committee on Jurisprudence :—

"Your Committee, however, is of the opinion that Masonic burial of a deceased Brother by a Lodge, under any circumstances is optional, and not compulsory, but notwithstanding, we have yet to learn of a single instance where such sad service has been refused, upon proper request ; on the contrary to perform the last sad rites over the remains of a departed Brother has become a melancholy pleasure, so universal among the Craft as to assume the force of law.

In the matter of creating the grade of honorary membership in this Grand Lodge, your Committee is unanimously of the opinion, that the creation of such grade is unwise and is therefore not concurred in by your Committee.

In the matter of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, referred to by the Grand Master, and more fully set out in the correspondence accompanying, your Committee is of the opinion that our Grand Master has done all in his power to maintain the dignity and enforce the sovereignty of this Grand Lodge, without resorting to more extreme measures, than the circumstances of the case seems to warrant. Your Committee deem it best for the interest of all concerned at this time to simply re-affirm the views expressed by the Committee on Jurisprudence at the last annual communication and unanimously adopted by the Grand Lodge at that time."

It was decided that the commissions of representatives to other Grand Lodges should expire at the end of five years.

An oration was delivered on the three pillars, in which the following passage occurs :—

"In the ancient mysteries of various lands three pillars occupied a con-

spurious position. Among the Hindu illuminants they were placed east, west and south, and the one in the east denoted Brahma, or wisdom ; the one in the west represented Vishnu, the preserver, or strength ; and the one in the south symbolized Siva, or beauty. These deities were considered as a trinity, and three pillars were regarded by many mystics as emblematical of the Divine Triad. The prevalence of such conceptions may be inferred from the fact that the Persians claimed that their Mithraic Cave was supported by three intelligencies—Ormisda, Mithra, and Mithras ; and that the Egyptian Deity was presented under the forms of Wisdom, Power, and Goodness. So general was the custom of combining these attributes that the Oracle of Damascus is credited with the saying : “Throughout the world a Triad shines forth, which resolves itself into a Monad.” In studying this mystery, and meditating on its significance, I have come to the belief, that while the primary reference is to Deity, in a secondary sense it is to man : that the Divine trinity of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty is destined to resolve itself, as from eternity ran the purpose, in the human Monad.”

They have 681 Lodges, and 40,725 members. Dues paid, \$30,111.80. Their gain of membership was 516.

Bro. Joseph Robbins has a very extensive and elaborate report on correspondence, covering 235 pages. In his introductory remarks, we find the following :—

“ But by far the most important factors in the year’s events and discussions, are those which involve the relations of Masonry with associations of Masons other than Lodges, calling themselves “Masonic bodies.” This crops out chiefly in two directions: in new forms of the Massachusetts departure, as in Ohio, where instead of amending the constitution of the Grand Lodge in order to declare a lot of side degrees an integral part of Masonry, as was done in Massachusetts, the same end is sought to be reached by far-fetched and sophistical interpretations of existing regulations; and *second*, in the attempt to secure recognition for so-called Grand Lodges in Mexico, Central and South America, and the West Indies, and through that recognition get the assent of the legitimate Grand Lodges of the world to the doctrine that Supreme Councils and Grand Orients can create just and lawfully constituted Lodges of Symbolic Masonry. We say “Symbolic Masonry” because it is a term in common use to designate the three degrees conferred in what are commonly called “Blue Lodges,” the Masonry of the Lodge; but we do not mean that there is or can be any other Masonry—whatever we may say from habit or for convenience.

Some of these so-called Grand Lodges made up of “Lodges” without legitimate parentage and composed of alleged Masons whom the Grand Lodge of Illinois has again and again decided cannot visit her Lodges, have secured recognition by some Grand Lodges in the United States, and by some others recognition once accorded has been withdrawn. Similar European bodies were formerly in correspondence with many of our Grand Lodges, but that was before their true nature and composition was understood. The thorough examination which their claims to be called Masonic bodies has undergone in recent years, has placed within reach of all Grand Lodges the information necessary to an intelligent judgment, and none need recognize them now without being conscious that they are countenancing “dissenters from the original plan of Masonry.”

They are made up of so-called Lodges created by Supreme Councils and Grand Orients of the mis-called Scottish Rite, and the fact that ALBERT

PIKE, the Grand Commander of the Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction, is advising the Supreme Councils of Mexico and the South American continent to relinquish jurisdiction over the blue degrees and encourage the formation of independent "Symbolic Grand Lodges" should throw no loyal Mason off his guard. In the advice to *relinquish jurisdiction lies the claim that they possess it*, no matter how much smooth talk may partly cover the claim. This claim should not be admitted for one instant by any loyal Mason, and we warn the Ancient Craft everywhere to beware lest under some specious plea for harmony and good neighborhood, the cuckoo's egg gets deposited in their nest to hatch out mischief in the future.

It may suit the present purpose of others of these Supreme Councils to raise the "stop thief" cry that the particular faction of the rite composing the "Cerneau bodies" are claiming the right to confer the three degrees of Freemasonry, but it is difficult to see why they should trouble themselves in that behalf. The Grand Lodge is the only governing body having any interest in the matter, and it is fully competent to deal with it. For ourselves we have no dispositions to condemn them on this point unheard, and we await the result of inquiries addressed to those high in authority in the Cerneau faction before expressing an opinion as to the correctness of the charge. We have been disappointed in not receiving the information sought before being compelled to close our report."

In his notice of Alabama, he corrects Bro. Pillans as to our position :—

" Past Grand Master Pillans, chairman of the Committee on foreign correspondence, submitted a special report on the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario, into which, through a superficial examination of the subject, he has managed to get a great deal of misinformation.

So far from the gist of the quarrel being about the name, as it appears to Bro. Pillans, the gist of it lies primarily in the question whether the formation of a Grand Lodge in the Province of Quebec (formerly Lower Canada), left the Province of Ontario (formerly Upper Canada) Masonically unoccupied or open territory. Passing over for the moment the fact that the whole Masonic world agreed in considering that province fully occupied by the Grand Lodge of Canada, which had heretofore occupied both provinces, and supposing for the time being that it was unoccupied, then there was one way in which a Grand Lodge could be lawfully established there, viz: by the concurrent action of not less than three Lodges, these three constituting a majority of the Lodges already existing in such territory, or subsequently planted there by lawful authority.

A Grand Lodge thus formed would have jurisdiction in the province whether it called itself the Grand Lodge of Ontario, the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, or the Grand Lodge of the Four Jack Planes. So we see that the gist of the quarrel could not be about the name, as is falsely claimed by the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario.

Further, we are quite sure that Bro. Pillans, will cease to hope that a union of the two bodies may be brought about when his attention is called to the manner in which the so-called Grand Lodge of Ontario was formed, and, for a stronger reason, when his memory is refreshed as to the principles on which that organization is based.

We have not the proceedings of the organization of that body before us, and must therefore state the facts from memory, but we think we state them correctly when we say that it was formed without any constituency, that is, by individuals not authorized to represent the Lodges to which they belonged, if indeed they belonged to any, and it was only after they had

built their steeple that they began to build the structure to put under it. Surely not all the names in the calendar could legitimatize such a body as that.

But—and here we come to matters which we know we state correctly—the organization set on foot by these parties was not a Masonic body at all, but a mutual benefit and insurance society, whose organic law provides that each member of the subordinate bodies which, in imitation of Masonry, are styled Lodges, shall receive three dollars per week in case he is sick, and his family—if he have one—a lump sum of fifty dollars in case of his death. Such a provision takes the concern at once out of the category of Masonic bodies, and while it may possibly render it eligible for union with the Druids, or United Workmen, it makes a union of it with the Grand Lodge of Canada an impossibility.”

Bro. Robbins is quite correct. This clandestine organization was incorporated as a Grand Lodge before it had any subordinates, and the degrees were peddled about the country by one of our expelled members for any sum he could obtain, however trifling. We afterwards, by arrangement, took in all their good members and they surrendered their act of incorporation and delivered up to us their seal and all their documents and disbanded their organization, but this expelled member, whom we refused to take back, still continued his nefarious work. Latterly, however, we have heard very little of him, and his so-called Lodges may be considered as nearly all defunct.

Bro. Robbins is strong in his opposition to the absurd doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction and we do not see how his arguments can be successfully disputed :—

“ We agree with the committee that the regulation requiring one year’s residence is subject to the dispensing power of the Grand Master, but we confess to some surprise that any Grand Lodge should think it necessary in the case of an original petitioner to ask leave to receive his petition from the Masonic authorities of the Jurisdiction from which he emigrated. The potential Jurisdiction which a Lodge has over a profane residing within its territorial limits is only the exclusive right to receive his petition if he should ever seek to become a Mason while he lives there; and this ceases as absolutely the next minute after he has made a *bona fide* removal from its territory as if he had left it half a century before. The mere fact of his having lived within its bailiwick never gave the Lodge a shadow of a right to say what he should do, or what any Lodge should do with him, after he has gone elsewhere.”

Canada for 1887 received due attention. He thinks that it is an anomaly that the Grand Master should be a member of the Board of General Purposes over which he does not preside. The explanation is to be found in the fact that the Board has

sole control of the funds of the Grand Lodge and also that the Board have to sit in judgment upon the acts of the Grand Master. They have no power to over-rule him, but it is on the reports of the Board that all matters of importance come before the Grand Lodge. Some years ago we decided that an appeal would lie from the act of the Grand Master to the Grand Lodge.

As to the powers of District Deputies, our rules as to trials provide that an appeal may be had to them for any irregularity in the trial, or any infringement of the rights of the accused, *but not on questions of fact*. This will dispose of the objection of Bro. Robbins that the justice of the sentence should be left to the Grand Lodge alone.

He discusses with Bro. Singleton the recognition of Grand Lodges in foreign countries :—

“ The genesis of the whole brood of parasitic bodies is coming to be generally understood, so that Masons of even limited reading can see the utter absurdity of the claim of any one of them to administer, or to exercise the remotest authority in Masonry itself ; and the downright disloyalty of recognizing any one of them, by any Mason, or body of Masons legitimately descended from the Masons who formed the first Grand Lodge and solemnly covenanted with themselves and with each other to accept the Charges of a Freemason as embodying the fundamental laws of the Fraternity, as duly constituted Masonic bodies.”

He corrects Bro. Dawkins, of Florida, in his idea of unoccupied Territory, that it is not necessarily Territory in which there are no Lodges, but Territory in which there is no Grand Lodge. On Asylum building without money in hand, he says :—

“ We had supposed that after the experience of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, no Jurisdiction as well informed of what is going on elsewhere as is Iowa, would embark in asylum building on a plan which involved taxation by the Grand Lodge—a plan which takes no account of the fundamental idea of Masonic charity, that is, the relative ability of individuals to pay, and which in 1879 Grand Master Pettit confessed had been “ the rock that came well nigh dividing, if not stranding it [the Craft of Kentucky] forever.”

On the Scottish Rite quarrels, he says :—

“ Bro. Parvin’s report gives abundant evidence that “ Cerneauism ” is his red rag. For the information of most of our home readers perhaps we ought to explain that the term Cerneau is adjectively applied to certain bodies of the so-called Scottish Rite who find their warrant for existence in what in the vernacular of that multitudinous agglomeration is called a “ patent,” from one Joseph Cerneau, by certain other bodies of the same

species who hold a "patent" from some other fellow, by virtue of which they claim that the sole right to confer these side degrees, in certain states, belongs to a spectacular combination, known as the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Holy Empire of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America. For legitimate Masonry the question which of these two is the real heir, or whether neither of them is—there being in Boston alone three or four other more or less obscure holders of patents, each claiming to be the original Tichborne—for legitimate Masonry this question would have no more essential interest than the disputed authorship of "The Beautiful Snow," were it not that the warring factions have transferred the seat of war from their pinchbeck empire to the republic of the true Fraternity. The Grand Lodges in several jurisdictions have been dragged into the quarrel, through the influence of trusted and honored members, whose brethren could never believe them capable of forgetting their primary duty to genuine Masonry, with its common level of equal rights and equal eligibilities, in a mad scramble for the baubles and distinctions of a seven-by-nine by-play of imperialism.

Through such influences, wielded at the behest of the Supreme Council of the Northern Jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was induced to abdicate its position as the conservator of Masonry, and the only power which could create regular and duly constituted Masonic bodies, and voluntarily parcel out to a half dozen other bodies the heritage whose preservation intact was the sole warrant of its being."

"We don't care how much he and others pitch into Cerneauism, or how much the Cerneauites pitch into them, except that as those on both sides happen also to be Masons, and equally our brethren, we dislike to see them manifest an unseemly heat. It would be as unreasonable on our part to expect them to agree as to the government of their "empire," as to be of one mind in civil politics, but we have a right to insist that they shall not invoke the aid of Masonry to settle their differences in either."

We had marked a large number of passages for quotation, but must be content with the following:—

"Bro. Fellows' idea of the signification of the term "Grand Orient" is quite different from ours. We understand it to include the administrative bureaus of the various blocks of degrees into which the thirty-three or more are broken up, in which the so-called "Grand Lodge" is the bureau which nominally administers the affairs of the first three; but that its acts are subject to the supervision and veto of the Supreme Council which sits supreme over all, and that its charters are not valid until *vised* by that oligarchical body or its autocratic head. If this view of their method of constitution is correct, Grand Orients are not the same as Grand Lodges, and their power or legality as bodies having any authority in Masonry cannot be maintained. Nor does the fact that one of the constituent parts of the Grand Orient is called a Grand Lodge—if all those constituents are equally subordinate to the Supreme Council—make those who have received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, under the authority of these putative Grand Lodges, any less clandestinely made Masons than those who have received them direct from Supreme Councils or Inspectors General."

"The Grand Lodge of Illinois has not legislated on the question of saloon-keeping, and yet it has found no difficulty in sustaining its Lodges in their efforts to inflict discipline for selling liquor in violation of law. And so it will be found everywhere as a rule. Occasionally a Masonic Lodge gets on the down grade through some unfortunate chain of circumstances until it becomes a stench that has to be abated. But as a rule a

Masonic Lodge, so far from being a demoralizing and degrading influence in a community, is a conservator of public order, decency and morality, and does not need the prodding of continual legislation by the Grand Lodge to keep it fully abreast of the best sentiment of society around it. Consider the fact that in its earlier history, when everybody drank intoxicating drinks, the almost universal meeting place of the Lodge was in the tavern, and that yet, in a comparatively new State like Illinois, peopled largely by immigrants from localities where drinking was the rule rather than the exception, fourteen years ago the Grand Lodge could embody in its code a provision absolutely excluding any kind of intoxicating drink from all Masonic premises without a ripple of opposition, and it will be seen beyond all cavil that Masonry is no dead weight upon the advancing sentiment of the age towards cleaner, soberer, and purer lives."

"To our lay mind all pleas, however skilful and cogent as to the legal effect of a favorable ballot, must vanish into thin air when a Master of a Lodge is asked to admit one whom he has not *found* to be as lawfully entitled to the secrets of Masonry as he is himself. Going behind the action of the Lodge would be a bagatelle compared to going behind the immemorial and irrevocable laws of Masonry."

M. W. Bro. John C. Smith, (Chicago,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Loyal L. Munn, (Freepoirt,) G. S.

INDIANA.

67th Communication, Indianapolis, May 22nd, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Mortimer Nye, G. M.

They have had an era of prosperity, the increase in membership during the year being 424. He formed three new Lodges, and thinks that they have enough now. On the powers of the Grand Master, he says:—

"The idea seems to prevail in the minds of many members of the fraternity that the Grand Master has the power at will to set aside any provision of the Constitution or standing rule or regulation of the Grand Lodge—in fact, that the Grand Master is the Grand Lodge to all intents and purposes, and often the most persistent efforts are employed to induce the Grand Master to do so. To all applications of this character, I have earnestly endeavored to impress upon the minds of Masons the fact that the Grand Master possesses no power of such a character; that he is not the Grand Lodge; that it is as much his duty to obey the law as the most obscure member of a Subordinate Lodge, and, in fact, more so, because it is his duty to enforce obedience to the laws of the Grand Lodge, and it would be in exceeding bad taste for him to be guilty of the violation of law or the usurpation of power not specially conferred upon him. I have therefore been compelled very many times to refuse Lodges dispensations to remove from one town to another, to march on Decoration Day, make Masons without legs and arms, meet in halls occupied by other societies, and, in fact, to violate nearly every rule for the government of Subordinate Lodges. Most applications for special dispensations have been refused, and very few indeed have been granted. I shall always be ready to advocate the proposition that the Grand Master is not the Grand Lodge."

Their Grand Lodge property is in good repair. Their

Temple is heated with natural gas at an expense of \$320 per year, which is the cheapest fuel they have had.

A lengthy report on their ritualistic work was presented and the conclusion is arrived at that Indiana is entitled to be placed in the front rank for genuine, antique, Webb-Preston work.

The Grand Lodge condemned the three-year term for Grand Representatives, seeing no necessity for putting their officers to the trouble of making out fifty commissions every three years.

Begging circulars were prohibited.

The United Grand Lodge of Colon and the Island of Cuba was recognized.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Simeon S. Johnson and notices Canada for 1886 and 1887. He doubts the propriety of wearing Masonic clothing at a ball, thinks that a Mason's daughter or sister is entitled to Masonic assistance, although married to a profane, that a certificate is no safeguard against an impostor, and that the tyler, who does not hear the evidence in a trial, should not be allowed to vote on the verdict. With all of which, we agree.

M. W. Bro. Isaac P. Leyden, (New Albany,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. William H. Smythe, (Indianapolis,) G. S.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

14th Communication, Fort Gibson, November 6th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Florian H. Nash, G. M.

Their membership is increasing, and three new Lodges were formed.

In the report of the Grand Lecturer, we find the following:—

"A few of our Lodges had the work pretty well, while others had the work of Texas, Missouri, or some other Jurisdiction. Some had it wonderfully mixed, and I am sorry to say, a few had no work at all; do not see how they conferred the degrees, even "in a loose, slip-shod manner."

My presence may have intimidated so that they can do better than they exemplified before me.

All (with few exceptions) were apt and anxious, and before I left, knew their work well, or they followed me to the next neighbor, which was often done. I never knew hungrier students; they interrogated freely in the hall, on the road-side, at their home or elsewhere, put in all the day, (with "dinner on the ground,") and also the night, if necessary."

There are several Lodges educating or supporting Masons

Orphans and a special committee was appointed to devise a plan for the systematic education of Masonic Orphans and to raise funds to secure a Masonic Orphanage.

There are 26 Lodges and 832 Members.

The report on correspondence is by Bros. Murrow, Hill and Ross. Canada for 1888 is noticed. Bro. Hill thinks that the Grand Lodges should not interfere in Scottish Rite Quarrels. In his notice of Michigan, Bro. Ross says:—

"We do not believe in mixing things, still we allow all who are inclined, to weep over the remains of our departed Brother. Even if his bereft family chooses friends outside of the Order to dig the grave, put up a monument or become pall-bearers we offer no protest. We have no sympathy for, or interest in, the sword and feather Knights, Nobles, etc. We left our feathers with our moccasins and paint, have not needed the sword since we threw aside the bow and arrow, and believe that the sweetest water is at the mouth of the fountain, or the germ of Masonry is found in the Blue Lodge."

M. W. Bro. John Rennie, (Lehigh,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Joseph S. Murrow, (Atoka,) G. S.

IOWA.

45th Communication, Cedar Rapids, June 5th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Edwin C. Blackmar, G. M.

He states that the most important business is the consideration of the new Constitution and Code. He believes that the Grand Master has only such powers as are given him by the Constitution, and that he has no power to dispense with any provision of that Constitution.

He condemns begging circulars and lottery schemes. He formed seven new Lodges. On Lodge attendance, he says:—

"Much has been said and written upon the question of "how shall we make our Lodge meetings attractive" and thus secure better attendance? I am almost daily in receipt of letters from Lodge Officers all over the state complaining of the non-attendance of the members at Lodge meetings, and asking what can be done to awaken a greater interest.

To such inquiries I can only reply that the meetings should be made attractive and interesting by the adoption of any method that may seem to promise an accomplishment of the desired result.

Let every meeting be made a *love feast!* A hearty *hand-shake* all around, with words of cordial greeting to each; and the manifestation of a kindly interest in the welfare of all will greatly strengthen and cement the ties of brotherly love which should exist between all the members of the Lodge.

During the meeting, when time will permit, vary the routine of Lodge business by the introduction of short addresses and essays on subjects of Masonic interest. A feast to all who love and would *live* Masonry, and

who would extend their knowledge of its teachings and application, will be found in reading our annual Report on Fraternal Correspondence, a portion of which should be read by some competent Brother at each meeting of the Lodge.

Let each member feel that he is a special committee of one to do something to make some other Brother happy, and to feel that his interest and happiness is the concern of all ; and above all let it be manifested by and between all the members that full and implicit reliance may be placed upon each others integrity, not only in connection with Lodge affairs, but also in the daily routine of business transactions, so that every Mason's word may become in reality as good as his *bond*, which is the prime essence of the teachings of our institution, and one of the principal points of our solemn obligation.

Finally, organize and maintain a regular series of Lodge sociables, to be held at stated intervals, the ladies, of course, to take part, varying the entertainment at each so as to make it pleasant to all who participate. At such sociables make it the special duty of the brethren to see that all are made welcome ; that those who may be strangers be introduced, and in every manner possible endeavor to make them feel "at home."

The Grand Secretary has the following notice of Bro. Seymour :—

"James Seymour, P. G. M. (1870), *Canada*, was one of the most distinguished Masons of that province. He became well known to many of the leading Masons of the states by his numerous visits to the national bodies meeting at Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, and elsewhere, at which he was always a welcome visitor. His responses to the welcomes he ever received were models of eloquence. He was a native of Limerick, Ireland, and removed to Canada in 1828, where he spent his boyhood. Learning the printing business, he later became publisher and editor, and continued therein till his appointment as Collector of Internal Revenue, which office he held till his death. In early life he became a Mason, and through all these years proved his devotion to the cause he espoused. In 1870 he was elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, which position he filled with credit to himself and honor to the brothers.

Dying at St. Catharines, his home, January 9th last, he left an honored name and record, and his memory is held dear by all his brethren and very many, who, like ourselves on this side the river, knew him well, and appreciated the man and his services."

The new Constitution and Code of Masonic Law were adopted.

The Grand Secretary was presented with a certificate of deposit for \$1,530, contributed by his friends as a testimonial of regard.

The Grand Lodge of Victoria was recognized.

The Committee on Jurisprudence asked for a year's time to consider whether a Lodge, on the occasion of a Masonic Funeral, has power to grant the request of the family to have pall-bearers who are not Masons. We should say, certainly not, otherwise it would not be a Masonic Funeral.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, who has lost none of his old-time fire and energy. Canada for 1887 receives a good notice. He is much pleased with our reports on grievances and appeals, "in the conciseness of their statements, their power of condensation and the plainness of their conclusions." On our methods, he says :—

"The finances of this Grand Lodge are in a most healthy condition, there being a balance in the treasury of \$68,221.77, which is well presented, as the Grand Treasurer's report alone covers thirty-three pages fifteen times as long as any one we have read during the year; and still the Grand Lodge has not money enough to pay for the writing and printing of a report on correspondence, the worst feature in the history of the body. There are a great many good things in this volume shown in the table of recapitulation, the best by far, and the most commendable, being the fact that the Grand Lodge pays *no* "mileage nor per diem," and ~~as~~ yet has a larger per cent. of its Lodges annually represented than can be shown by the Grand Lodges on this side of the great lakes and the St. Lawrence, notwithstanding that they feed their members on *sugar plums* to induce their attendance. Moreover the business of the Grand Lodge of Canada is better and more safely conducted through the able administration of its Grand Master and its Committee on General Purposes than any of our American Grand Lodges. Reader, do you ask the secret of this? Our answer is the members have a mind to do it, and work for the love of it and for the good of Masonry, without the hope of fee or reward. When men so work it cannot be otherwise than that they work well and to some purpose. The introduction of the system of mileage in our Grand Lodges has introduced into our annual sessions an element of membership whose love of Masonry is measured by the standard of the amount of mileage they receive."

The Grand Lodge of Iowa expressly forbids its subordinates to become incorporated and has let its own act of incorporation lapse.

M. W. Bro. Edwin C. Blackmar, (Burlington,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, (Cedar Rapids,) G. S.

IRELAND.

Through the kindness of R. W. Bro. James H. Neilson, of Dublin, we have some information about the Grand Lodge of Ireland. This Grand Lodge does not publish any of its proceedings.

Quarterly meetings are held on the first Thursday in the months of March, June, October and December. The Board of General Purposes meets on the Monday preceding the first Thursday in each month. The Committee of Charity and Inspection meets on the second and fourth Wednesday in each month. The Grand Lodge of Instruction meets every second

month. All these meetings are held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

All Master Masons, properly vouched for, may attend the Grand Lodge of Instruction. All candidates for admission to any of the Dublin Lodges, or to any Country Lodge, if resident in Dublin, must be approved of by the Committee of Charity and Inspection. This Committee consists of the Grand Officers and the Master for the time being of each Lodge in the Dublin District. There are 37 Lodges in Dublin. At the head of the list is "the Grand Master's Lodge," without any number. Lodge No. 1 is at Cork.

There are 18 Provincial Grand Lodges, 13 in Ireland and the others in Victoria, New Zealand, Queensland, Ceylon and Tasmania. The Lodges in the Dublin District are not included in any Masonic Province, but are under the immediate superintendence of the Grand Lodge. There are 15 Lodges in Victoria, 15 in New Zealand, 14 in Queensland, 4 in Ceylon and 9 in Tasmania. There are also 7 Lodges in Military Corps not stationary.

They have a Masonic Female Orphan School, with 72 pupils, and a Masonic Orphan Boys' School, with 52 pupils, both supported solely by voluntary subscriptions. The former was established in 1792 and the latter in 1867.

The Duke of Abercorn is Grand Master, and the Earl of Bandon is Grand Secretary. All communications should be addressed to Archibald St. George, Deputy Grand Secretary, Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth Street, Dublin.

Nine Warrants were issued in 1888, five in Ireland, and the others in Mauritius, Queensland, Tasmania and New Zealand.

KENTUCKY.

89th Communication, Louisville, October 16th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. J. Soule Smith, G. M.

He considers that the "Cerneau" bodies are irregular, illegal and unmasonic, and should not be countenanced in any manner. He declared that a resolution passed by the Grand Lodge in 1886, to the effect that selling liquor is a Masonic offence, was unconstitutional, because it had not been passed

with the formalities required for an amendment to the Constitution. He decided that the Past Masters' Degree was a necessary part of the installation ceremony, as a part of the unwritten Law of Masonry and that it could not be abolished by a resolution of the Grand Lodge. He would not give any decision officially which was to be kept secret from the Lodge or suppressed from his report to Grand Lodge. He reports the order in a flourishing condition and giving evidence of renewed life and vigor. He formed three new Lodges. On their Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, he says:—

" This great and noble charity is still flourishing, as it ought to be. It is the crown of Kentucky Masonry, the finishing touch to our edifice of brotherly love, relief and truth. Let me urge on every one of you to go and inspect it. No Mason in this Jurisdiction has ever truly enjoyed his Masonry, or felt the real significance of its teaching, until he has gone to this institution, and felt the tears well into his eyes when he looked into the bright faces of these children, who would be left desolate but for His love and the all embracing arm of Masonic charity. They have not the furtive glances of the outcast, nor the shuffling uneasiness of the tramp. They look straight into the Mason's eyes without fear of harm, because they know he has become a father to the fatherless. They nestle their little cheeks against his heart because they know he loves them. Go and see them at their home, my brothers, and you will be the better for it. They will appear before you this afternoon, and not one of you should be out of his place. In their innocence you may renew your youth, and you may gladden your hearts in contemplation of their beauty and their happiness."

On the importance of having the full names of members given in the returns from the Lodges, the Grand Secretary has the following remarks in his report:—

" I. Why are full given names required when they are not printed in the proceedings?

Answer. Because unless the full names are given it is often impossible to identify the particular brother as the one reported last year. For example: A brother is familiarly known as "Tony" because of some peculiarity or good-humored story, and the Secretary gives that name. Next year the Secretary finds that the true name is "James" and so reports it. As "Tony" has not died, demitted, been suspended or expelled, it must be assumed that he is still a member and his name is put on the list, when the return is examined, and a correspondence and dissatisfaction results. To take an actual case: Brother James Zenophon Napoleon Bonaparte Howard is sometimes reported as Zenophon Howard, and sometimes by other names or part of his initials. If the given names were reported, even if one was left out, we might be able to identify the brother, but if initials only are used we find this, by experience, to be out of the question.

Two cases have occurred in which, if the full names had been reported so that complete identification of the brethren could have been established, it would have resulted, as I was informed, in considerable financial benefit to their families.

As all know, there are many "Masonic Tramps" who travel over the country under assumed names. These are often obtained from Grand Lodge Proceedings or visits to Lodges and many of the members' names are made familiar to the tramps' catalogue of information. If the full names are reported and known to the Lodge Secretary, the tramp may be called upon for his full name, which is not likely to correspond with the facts. That he may not be fully informed the initials only are published in the Proceedings, but the information is on file in the Grand Secretary's office, as it must also be in the archives of the Lodge."

The Committee on Jurisprudence indorsed all the decisions of the Grand Master. The following are extracts from their report :—

"There is no Masonic Grand Body in the world which has announced more clearly or held more tenaciously the American doctrine of exclusive territorial jurisdiction, the Monroe doctrine of Masonry, than the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. "It is a doctrine," this Grand Lodge has uttered to the world, "rendered necessary by the progress of Masonry, to prevent difficulties, heart-burnings, strife and confusion. Its assertion is sanctioned by the very necessities that have arisen for its promulgation in the well-being and orderly government of the Craft in each Jurisdiction, and to prevent confusion among the workmen."

The territory of Kentucky, therefore, having been peaceably occupied for more than thirty years by the Grand Consistory of Kentucky, there is no room for the competing Cerneau body, and we respectfully submit the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Master, in the matter of Cerneau Masonry, be and the same is hereby approved. [Adopted.]

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge affirms its declaration of the year 1869, regarding the legitimacy of the Supreme Councils of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. [Adopted.]

Resolved, That any bodies invading the territory of the Supreme Councils recognized by this Grand Lodge are clandestine and fraudulent. [Adopted.]"

The Committee on necrology report on the death of their late distinguished brother, Rob Morris :—

"Rob Morris, Past Grand Master and Poet Laureate of Freemasonry, is dead! This announcement, on July 31st, 1888, flashed over the wires, carrying sadness, pain, and mourning, not only throughout the borders of our own dear land, but to the remotest recesses of the earth. Past Grand Master Morris was undoubtedly the most universally known Mason in his day. As a Masonic traveller and lecturer he made the acquaintance and gained a warm place in the hearts both of peasant and crowned head in every land.

Born August 31, 1818, made a Mason in 1846, he attained to the highest rank in the York, Scottish, and Memphis Rites of Masonry, and on December 17, 1884, he was crowned "Poet Laureate of Freemasonry" by a large concourse of the dignitaries of Masonry from all over our own country and representatives from some foreign shores. This ceremony was performed in the city of New York.

Bro. Morris wrote a large number of valuable works on Masonry. He

edited the "Kentucky Freemason" in 1853, the "American Freemason," 1853-58, "The Voice of Masonry," 1859-67, "Light in Masonry," 1873, besides contributing to the columns of almost every Masonic paper that has been published for the past twenty-five years.

He drafted the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, 1856, and that of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, 1860. He was chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for many years. Having passed through the Chairs of Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Grand Consistory, and Grand Lodge, and having spent the strength, thought, and wisdom of his early manhood in a close study of the rituals, codes, and forms of our art, he very justly deserved the title of the brightest Mason of his day.

He was generous to a fault, kind, tender of heart, loving in disposition, and was happiest when sharing what the Lord had bestowed upon him with his less fortunate fellow man.

We know of no better conclusion to this report than the words of Bro. Morris in the following beautiful poem, written just before his death, with the request that it be not made public until after his demise:

Brothers, in June or in December,
Honoring the memory of the dear St. John,
Then let some kind participant remember
The name of him who wrote this, *but is gone* ;
Let some kind brother rise, while all are silent,
And with deep pathos and fond friendship say :
He was a Mason, gentle, true, not violent,
And loved old things that do not pass away.

He loved his friends; in them his heart found anchor,
Bound in affection as with hooks of steel ;
As for his foes, he gave few signs of rancor,
But bore their slanders patiently and well.
He loved to make in simple verses that rhyming
Where ancient signs and emblems smoothly lie ;
Where deeds of brother-love and truth are chiming,
And Masonry is wed to poetry.

He loved the word of God ; its hopes eternal
Grew sweeter as the end of life drew nigh ;
A sinful man, but saved by grace supernal,
Trusting in Christ, he dreaded not to die.
At times a cloud the promises disguising,
And deep humility obscured the scene,
But the bright Son of Righteousness uprising
Dispelled the gloom and warmed his soul again.

He gave the widows and the orphans duly
A portion of his hard-earned scanty store,
And though the amount might seem but trifling truly,
He gave so cheerfully it seemed the more.
His heart was in his work, to *Build the Temple*,
In fervency, he toiled through many years,
To "build the temple" spiritual and mental,
He triumphs now—is freed from toils and tears.

He's gone : the problem that so long he studied,
That mystery of "the world to come" profound,
Is solved ; his tree of life, which only budded,
Bears now full harvest in Celestial Ground.

In the Great Presence, with the wearied resting,
He has his wages and is well content.
Brothers, in silence stand : your love attesting—
This is the word your dying Brother sent !

The Committee on Library were given power to act with reference to the purchase of the Library of the late Bro. Bob Morris as soon as the Catalogue of the same should be completed.

The United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

The Prize Jewel, offered by the Grand Secretary for the best Lodge returns, was won by Bro. J. C. Morton, Secretary of Russellville Lodge, No. 17. The Committee took into consideration neatness and accuracy of compilation as well as beauty of penmanship.

The report on Correspondence is by Bros. Bassett, Staton and Grant. On "Mixed Funerals," Bro. Grant says :—

"Suppose a Brother Mason was a member of the Odd Fellows and dies, could not the Masons "in regalia" attend the funeral because the Odd Fellows also attended in regalia? Isn't that putting it pretty strong? I am wholly unable to see a good reason for such an edict. There is a recognized law of etiquette that gives age precedence, and Masonry being the oldest of all Benevolent Societies might and does claim the post of honor in processions, and I have never seen or heard of its rights in this respect called in question, but why it should take the extreme view cited for fear of dissensions as to precedence I do not know."

"The Jurisprudence Committee tackled the question whether a Lodge could select non-Masons as pall-bearers—at the request of the family of the deceased—and then asked further time to consider the momentous question.

We get impatient at the toploftical nonsense of Masonic intolerance, in its refusal to turn out to bury a brother unless the Lodge is High Tycoon. Other organizations are gifted with quite as much intelligence, and while Masonry, because of its antiquity, is entitled to respect, the post of honor, and all that, a little less baseless sentiment and more toleration, which we boast so much of, might do well on a pinch."

A new question is raised as to the legality of holding a Grand Lodge meeting without a constitutional quorum, on such occasions as laying a corner-stone, etc. The arguments may be of some force in jurisdictions where the Constitution provides for a quorum, but in ours there is no such provision.

Canada, for 1887, receives a good notice. On our investigation of a charge that the ballot was falsely declared, Bro. Grant says :—

"On complaint that false declaration as to the state of the ballot had been made, the committee were ordered to investigate, and brethren "permitted to disclose how they voted." I can not see how the Grand Lodge could set aside or ignore the sacredness of the secret ballot. A vote is cast with the distinct understanding that it is secret, and no methods will be resorted to to discover it. I feel pretty certain that if a Mason's secret ought to be respected when Masonically made known, there can be no justification in any attempt, by prying or "investigation," that shall rob him of that lawful secret which he desires to retain. Let the question as to how any brother voted be made a matter of prying into and it is not a secret ballot at all. Besides, is not the inquiry a violation of previous pledges?

We may explain that the secrecy of the ballot was in no way impaired by us. Brethren were not required to disclose how they voted. They were expressly told that they need not do so, but they were given to understand that they might do so, on this occasion, if they wished. It was considered that the law as to the secrecy of the ballot, or the law preventing any inquiry being made as to how a Brother voted was never intended to cloak such a monstrous fraud as was involved in the charge of knowingly making a false declaration that the ballot was clear when it was really the reverse. We are happy to say, for the honor of our institution, that a full investigation completely acquitted the parties charged with the offence.

On the Past Master's Degree, Bro. Grant says:—

"This absurdity hangs on in New Jersey, but they have exhibited the rare good sense about it to formulate a ritual, so that there is some chance for the Master elect to be invested with the incubus "consistent with the object to be obtained," which we presume is a large amount of information and many impressive lessons from the solemn and instructive ceremonies. (?) At any rate, whatever the ritual may be the Grand Master ordered its promulgation, and one objection to the degree is removed by its having as we presume, some law to govern it."

He also wants to know if the ancient landmarks justify a Grand Master in setting aside a statute of the Grand Lodge. We should say no.

M. W. Bro. James D. Black, (Barboursville,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. H. B. Grant, (Louisville,) G. S.

LOUISIANA.

77th Communication, New Orleans, Feb. 11th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Charles W. Buck, G. M.

On the state of the Craft, he says:—

"The year has been a fairly active and prosperous one. The progress of revival is slow and intermittent: but its signs are unmistakable, and

warrant the assertion that the sleep of indifference has been broken, and Freemasonry in Louisiana stands to-day as "sure and firm-set" in its mission of usefulness and good, as in apparently more prosperous jurisdictions."

"While not showing an *active* condition, the reports, as a rule, indicate the prevalence of a better and more hopeful feeling among the brethren. One of the reports deals with the evil of life membership, and suggests the importance of some action looking to its eradication from the laws of our Lodges. The evil effects of "life membership" have been the burden of many a lament; but there seems to be no escape from them, except such as may come from the total abolition of the laws, operating *in futuro*. This M. W. Grand Lodge decided at its last annual communication, by a large vote, "that a Lodge has no right to amend its By-laws to the detriment of life members already made and acknowledged as such."

The Grand Master formed three new Lodges. He decided that the lapse of time since a Brother's dimission did not affect his right to affiliate. He followed their custom and precedent in accepting the resignation of an officer and authorizing the Lodge to elect a successor, holding that an installed officer cannot resign to the Lodge, but may to the Grand Master. He tolerates joint occupancy of Lodge halls only when the very existence of the Masonic body was at stake.

The Grand Master was requested to form a project for the appointment of a Grand Lecturer.

Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows reports on correspondence and arranges his extracts and comments under the following heads:—

"Pursuing the course of the past two years, we present this year the following topics of discussion:

- "The Saloon Question;
- "Physical Qualifications;
- "The Ritualism of Freemasonry;
- "The Right of Visit;
- "Resurrection of the Body;
- "Hiram Lodge No. 1, Connecticut;
- "The Quebec and England Controversy;
- "Consolidation of Lodges;
- "New South Wales;
- "The Mission of Freemasonry;
- "The Sociable Feature in Freemasonry;
- "Aid or Appeals for Relief—Charity;
- "Condition of the Order;
- "Non-payment of Dues;
- "Non-affiliation;
- "Life Membership;
- "History of Freemasonry;
- "Grand Lodges and Grand Masters: extent and source of their powers, rights and privileges; prerogatives and powers of Grand Masters.
- "The 'Cerneau' Controversy.
- "Mexico and other Foreign Grand Bodies."

On all these subjects Bro. Fellows gives arguments and

opinions more than usually able, clear and incisive. We have not the space to follow his arguments and will have to content ourselves with the following extracts:—

“ Bro. Parvin was not quite as ingenuous in his quotations from us as is usual with him. We did not write “ Masonic offences consist only of those made such under the criminal statute of the State.” That was only half of what we said—“ or by the obligations we have taken as Masons.” How does he know the Masons of New England never recognized the laws about riding in town, or kissing one’s wife, on Sunday? If there were Masons in those days in New England, they were law-abiding people, and, indeed, helped make the laws in question. But the truth is, there were no Masons in New England at the time the so-called Blue Laws were in force. We still insist that, the adding to the obligations of Masons, to the tie which binds us together, destroys the universality of the Order, and makes that obligatory in Iowa which is not in Louisiana. When we see this question answered, or attempted to be answered, we shall see what, so far, we have not yet seen. This saloon question is the hobby of one-idea men, who always run everything into the ground, and are forever making the attempt to reform, by legislative enactments. Our policy has ever been, in all matters, to avoid such people, and keep them, as far as possible, in due bounds.”

“ The old documents and records, so far as have been recovered, show that these Masons’ Guilds were each independent of the other, and the latest before the organization of Grand Lodges, governed by their own separate regulations and by-laws, all, so far as known, under the old Charges and such esoteric work, as they may have had, and which, for the most part, were similar, if not identically the same. At the beginning of the eighteenth century, there were, of a certainty, four of these Lodges at London, one at York, England, three in Scotland, and no doubt many others in Ireland, England and Scotland. There were, as members of these guilds, more or less, at the beginning of the century, others than operative Masons, actual or honorary, men of distinction, who brought about the idea of permanent national, or at any rate, provincial organization of the several guilds under a common governing head. This was first done by the four known Lodges in London in 1717—in the formation of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England, which was followed, in 1725, by the organization of the Grand Lodge of all England, at York; in 1728, of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and in 1736, of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Three of these, that of England, Ireland and Scotland, have had a continuous existence till the present time, while that at York only ceased to exist shortly after 1792, when, or soon after, the members of its Lodges took charters from the Grand Lodge of England. That there were Lodges in Ireland prior to 1728, or even 1717, is certain, for the proof is, that neither of the Grand Lodges in England chartered any Lodges in Ireland, nor for that matter in Scotland, and the certain presumption is, that in Ireland and Scotland many Lodges, by immemorial custom, existed and were chartered by their Grand Lodges after their organization; and we may say the same, especially of the Grand Lodge of England, located in London.

Previous to this organization of the Lodges into Grand Lodges, erroneously called the revival of Masonry, but properly the organization of the Masonic Lodges or guilds under a governing head, into Grand Lodges, there were no such a thing as a Grand Lodge or Grand Master. Each Lodge or guild had its presiding officer, and was generally under the patronage of some one appointed by the Crown, with various designations,

and more or less controlled in their government by the edicts or regulations promulgated, from time to time, by these royal appointees; though each Lodge strenuously kept themselves under the precepts of the old Charges, if they had them, and so far as known, each had one or more copies of these Charges, and retained and practised such esoteric work as they had.

As a national (or Grand Lodge) organization, then, we have none prior to 1717, when the Grand Lodge at London was formed. It placed itself as forever bound by the old Charges, as then collated from the various copies then extant, and proceeding to frame such "Regulations" as the need of the Craft under the new form of government seemed to require; the old Charges and the landmarks, whatever these may have been, to remain forever unalterable. We take it, that these old Charges and the essentials of the esoteric work, constituted the landmarks, and that they contained nothing more. All other matters are embraced in the Regulations, which have been from time to time changed as the necessities of the Craft have seemed to demand.

Whatever may be the primal origin of Freemasonry, there was a time in the not remote past, and of which there exist authentic records, when there was no Grand Lodge and no Grand Master of Masons, as we understand the terms. The earliest records show the existence of bodies of Masons, united in more or less perfect organization—called Lodges—each independent of the other, and many authorizing, or, at all events, sanctioning, colonies of their members in the formation of new Lodges. The esoteric teaching in these Masonic bodies (Lodges,) were, in all probability, the same as taught in our Lodges; the form and manner of teaching, manifestly, so far as present knowledge goes, not very much different. The spirit of Freemasonry pervaded all; a belief in God, our Father; in the immortality of the soul; in the brotherhood of man; and in the necessary practice of all the moral and social virtues, were the essentials; "our duty to God, our country, our neighbor, and ourselves," were every where and universally inculcated. These we take to be the landmarks of the Order. If there are any others, they are in those other elements that make the Brotherhood universal, namely: (as years ago proclaimed by our Grand Lodge,) the means of recognition, and the tie which binds us together. That these are landmarks, the early manuscripts, called "Constitutions," clearly show, and they do not clearly show that there are any others. All other so-called landmarks, under the rule that landmarks cannot be changed or violated, are legislative enactments, and which, in the usual or required form, any Grand Lodge, or convention of Masons, can add to, alter or change.

The first Grand Lodge of Freemasons that ever existed was that created by the delegates of the four old Lodges in London, in 1717. There may, and in all probability, had been, conventions or general assemblies of Masons, when, on some feast day, the Masons assembled, the oldest master presiding, for mutual encouragement and social intercourse. But that was all, such assemblies had, and exercised no power other than that of advice, and the oldest master ceased to have any powers after the feasting was over and the assembly adjourned. Right here we may add, that there were Grand Masters, appointed by the political rulers, but these were to regulate, in the interest of the State, the Craftsmen, who were actual laborers at their trade, and whatever powers these governors of the Craft may have exercised over Freemasons, if any, is unknown. They certainly had nothing to do with Masonry as a speculative or moral institution.

Shortly after 1717, Grand Lodges were formed in Scotland and Ireland following the example of the four old Lodges of London, and another in

the North of England, at York. None of the Lodges had what is known as charters, but each recognized the other as holding by immemorial usage, and thus holding, organized their respective Grand Lodges, for the future general government of the Craft. It is only necessary to allude to but one other Grand Lodge, that of the "Ancients," called "Schismatics," by the adherents of the Grand Lodge of 1717—as the Grand Lodge was in turn called the "Modern," by the newly formed Grand Lodge. This was created in London, in 1752, and it is now pretty generally conceded was formed mostly by Masons of the "Saints John Lodges" with others, made under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland.

From these five Grand Lodges have originated all recognized Lodges or Bodies of Freemasons to the civilized world. What there may be of Masonry among the American Indians, the Arabs or Chinese, we know not, have no definite or authentic proof, further than that among all these people, there were, and are, secret societies, but that they have any semblance to Freemasonry, other than their secrecy, is wholly unknown.

As every Freemason, we can or ever have recognized, trace their origin back by a regular chain of progenitors to the Lodges which formed these five Grand Lodges, they are bound by the landmarks, as we have laid them down in the foregoing, and to follow as far as may be, the general principles of the Order as appear in the regulations and customs of those original Grand Lodges. Of those five, the Grand Lodge at York ceased to exist in the latter part of the last century, and the "Ancient" and "Moderns" became the United Grand Lodge of England in 1813; hence, we, and all other Freemasons, may say we trace our origin to the four Grand Lodges (now three,) existing in the last century in the British Dominions—England, Scotland and Ireland.

We may, also, right here remark, that the terms, "Ancient" and "Modern," was never applied to the two respective Grand Lodges, as indicative of the date of their origin, but as to the esoteric work in their respective Lodges. The "Ancient" claimed that they had, and practiced the ancient work, and that the "Moderns" had changed and modernized the ritual. It is believed, that the latest investigations show that the claim of the "Ancients" was well founded. It is certain, that the esoteric (secret) work in the Irish, Scotch and York Lodges was almost, if not quite, identical with that of the Ancients, and that that work, was the true ancient work of the order. This is confirmed by the term of "Schismatics" applied to the "Ancients" by the "Moderns," based upon the charge that they became dissatisfied with certain changes, and seceded from the London Grand Lodge. This is probably true, as to many of them, but we think it equally certain and susceptible of proof that the large majority of those who formed the "Ancient" organization, as heretofore stated, were from the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of York, Scotland and Ireland, including the Saints John Masons.

"THE CERNEAU CONTROVERSY."

In our reports for last year and the year previous, we have studiously refrained from any expression of opinion or statement of facts or occurrences in the Masonic World, concerning what is called the Cerneau controversy. But the subject has taken on itself so large a scope, and become so momentous in its nature in several Grand Lodge jurisdictions, notably so, of late, in Ohio, that we have thought it best to make a note of it. The contest is now, over the pretensions of the several bodies, claiming to be national in the character of their organizations, of the *Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite*.

There are, in the United States, four such bodies :

1. The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite for the Southern jurisdiction, the presiding officer and head of which is Bro. Albert Pike, residing in Washington, D. C.

2. The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite for the Northern jurisdiction, the presiding officer or head of which is Bro. Henry L. Palmer, residing in Milwaukee, Wis.

These two together, without conflict between them, and recognizing each other as supreme in their respective jurisdictions, cover the whole territory of the United States ; the latter, or second named body, claiming jurisdiction over the six New England States, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin ; and the former, of all the remaining States, the Territories, and the District of Columbia.

3. The Supreme Council of the A. and A. Rite for the United States, their Territories and dependencies, the presiding officer or head of which is Bro. John J. Gorman, residing in New York City. This body is known as the "Cerneau Supreme Council."

4. Another Supreme Council is the one also claiming to be the Simon pure "Cerneau Supreme Council," the head of which is Bro. F. J. S. Gorgas, residing in Baltimore, Md.

Before entering upon any further account of these bodies, their history, claims and contests, it is proper to remark that it has been said that we, as Master Masons, can know nothing of them, and have no right or capacity to treat of them or their actions, or claims. This is true, so far as their esoteric work is concerned, but is not correct so far as their history, or pretensions, are concerned ; their history, so far as they have an authentic history ; their claims, so far as they have manifested any ; their regularity, rights, powers and pretensions, are, or may be, as well known by any Master Mason, or by any one not a Mason, as by themselves. Their Constitutions and Regulations, the history of their origin and subsequent proceedings, so far as known to themselves, have been published and are accessible to every one, Mason or no Mason. Every one, therefore, has as full opportunity and capacity to portray and discuss any and all matters of controversy between the bodies themselves, or between them and other bodies of Masons, as they themselves, and where controversies arise or exist between these bodies, or any of them, and Grand Lodges, it may become necessary, at any rate is proper, for Committees on Foreign Correspondence, or others, to discuss and treat upon the matters in controversy. These remarks apply with the same pertinency to other "higher" bodies composed of Masons ; as for example, Royal Arch Masons and Knights Templar—for their history and laws are also known or may be ascertained by any reading Mason, or other person.

We cannot come to any other conclusion as a matter of history than that the "Cerneau" Supreme Council is not a legitimate body of the A. and A. Scottish Rite ; that in its origin it was only a consistory of the Rite of Perfection—French Rite ; that Cerneau possessed only the degrees of that rite, and never had any other.

It is manifest that Grand Lodges, *should occasion ever demand*, have the capacity and the right to inquire into and pass upon the legality of any body claiming jurisdiction over degrees in Masonry, or which pretend to such claims above that of Master Mason, and it may be their duty so to inquire and determine, when the interests of the Craft are affected by the acts or pretensions of such bodies, and especially to determine as to the pretensions of rival bodies, each claiming to be the legitimate body."

M. W. Bro. Charles F. Buck, (New Orleans,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor (New Orleans,) G. S.

MAINE.

69th Communication, Portland, May 1st, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, G. M.

On the condition of the Craft, he says:—

"An inspection of the returns shows that there has been a net increase in membership—though none of the footings differ very materially from those of last year. A fair amount of work has been done, an unusual number of new halls have been built, calls for charity have been responded to very freely, new Lodges are being called for, and signs of increasing interest are apparent."

He had some correspondence with a gentleman who threatened to bring a suit at law against a Lodge, to compel it to return the fee deposited with his petition. His petition had been accepted, but he refused to receive the degrees, and the Lodge under their By-laws retained the deposit. We cordially hope that this gentleman will bring his suit and win it. We can imagine no more disgraceful position for a Lodge to occupy. Masons should be above that sort of thing. We do not want to take any one's money for nothing. Masons, of all men, should not be suspected of the slightest unfairness. That gentleman, doubtless, had good reasons for not coming forward, and we do not want any unwilling candidates. His fee should have been returned at once. As to the trouble he may have put the Lodge to, that is too trifling to be mentioned and our good name is of more consequence than the small amount involved. That Lodge should have its By-laws amended immediately.

Grand Master Sleeper believes that conventions of Grand Masters might prove of much benefit in promoting a greater uniformity of legislation upon matters of general interest to all Lodges.

He formed two new Lodges, and was very careful about granting special dispensations, although he is a believer in the inherent prerogatives and powers of Grand Masters.

The oldest Mason in Maine, Bro. John Dennis Lord, died April 18th, at the age of 91, having been initiated in 1818.

A copy of the original charter, granted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to Solar Lodge at Bath in 1804, has been found, containing the names of the original charter members.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Bro. Edmund B. Mallet, J. R., who has for the third time provided a free bed in the Maine General Hospital for the use of the Masonic fraternity of Maine.

A contribution of \$51.09 was taken up for a blind brother.

Standing resolutions were adopted to provide for the consolidation of Lodges.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Josiah H. Drummond, whose learning and ability, coupled with his intense devotion to the interest of the Craft and his unwearyed diligence, have earned for him the foremost place in the ranks of the reviewers.

Canada, for 1887, receives a good notice. He has found no jurisdiction in which the District Deputies perform their duties with more zeal, fidelity, ability and thoroughness than in Canada. He copies from some of their reports and commends them both as to the kind of work and style of report. On the report of the Board, deprecating the length of some of these reports, he says :—

“ It is true that the plan of tabular statements would save space, but we doubt if they would be read by those interested as generally as they would be when the Lodge is named and its condition fully stated. With due deference to the Board, such is our appreciation of the value of efficient service by Deputies, that we cannot help saying that we think the criticism in their report is not wholly just or deserved, unless the reports were revised before being printed. We think these reports are extraordinarily free from extraneous matters, and must be of inestimable value to the Grand Lodge. They may not be required to be made so full every year, but we do not feel sure of that even. A full, honest and impartial statement of the condition of a Lodge greatly tends to cause its members to make efforts to remedy the deficiencies, or, if they fail to do so, to demonstrate that it ought to cease to exist. The Board warmly endorses the holding of Lodges of Instruction in the several districts.”

On the trouble in Connecticut, where Hiram Lodge, No. 1, was in rebellion on account of the manner of giving the D. G. of A. M. M., he says :—

“ We lose all patience when we consider upon what a frivolous pretext a few leaders acted in misleading their fellows into the destruction of this old Lodge and the disturbance of the peace of Masonry.”

In his notice of Florida, he says :—

“ Now Quebec was a Province and had no Grand Lodge established in it ; it therefore comes within his second proposition, and yet he holds that

it was an exception to the law he formulates ; he bases his conclusion upon an assumed surrender of the territory "by the pre-occupant, the Grand Lodge of Canada." This assumption is neither legally nor historically correct. Quebec formed a Grand Lodge precisely according to Bro. Dawkins' propositions, as matter of right, precisely as the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Pennsylvania were formed without regard to any consent of, or surrender by, the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England, the "pre-occupants" of the territory. As shown by the early history of the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, recently published, and the early records of Massachusetts Grand Lodge, now in course of publication, either Quebec is entitled to govern all the Lodges in the Province, or else the proceedings of the two old Grand Lodges named were without right, and not entitled to be taken as precedents, as they have been in the formation of some *fifty* Grand Lodges !"

He thinks that where the election is provided to be by ballot, it should be by ballot, and not by directing a brother to cast the vote of the Grand Lodge for a particular brother, or by voting to dispense with the ballot. On the "Quorum," he says :—

" Representatives of fifty Lodges are required to make a quorum in the Grand Lodge: we deem this rule (a modern one) unwise, because when Lodges *can* be represented there is no danger that the required number will not be, and when they *cannot* be represented, the Grand Lodge should not be paralyzed and possibly destroyed by the fetters of such a law : such a thing has happened at two distinct periods to Masonic Grand Bodies in this country, and it may happen again."

He believes that there was a Grand Master of Masons before there was any Grand Lodge.

On permanent membership in Grand Lodges, he says :—

" This leads us to state our views as to the reasons for permanent membership and the benefit arising therefrom. Human experience has established that in a representative form of government, two legislative bodies are necessary for the greatest good ; the members of one coming directly from comparatively small communities of the people, and composing the most numerous branch ; the members of the other coming from much larger constituencies, or selected in a different manner, and composing the smaller branch ; the members of the popular body will necessarily be younger, less experienced and more impetuous, while the members of the other body will be older, more cautious, and better qualified in most all respects ; the two together combine all the elements for wise and yet progressive legislation. This system cannot be adopted in Masonry : we can have but one governing body ; yet in that we want all the elements of both bodies in our civil government. The idea of permanent membership was a happy solution of the question. The permanent members constitute the senate, while the Masters and Wardens represent the popular branch. Again, in civil government, the three departments are separate, but in Masonry all are combined ; in the former, the most learned, able and experienced are selected to decide and expound the law ; that element, therefore, should be represented in the Grand Lodge : in the executive branch are demanded, also, men of experience as well as men of energy. We have often remarked that our Grand Lodge system wonderfully combines all the elements of the

prosperous, but safe and conservative government, required by the character of our institution. The representatives of our Lodges are usually comparatively young men, ardent, enthusiastic and progressive : they understand the wants of their Lodges, but have little experience in legislation, and less in determining questions of law, as the questions presented to Grand Masters abundantly show : Past Grand Officers are older, of more ripened judgment, of greater experience, of larger knowledge of Masonic law, and, (perhaps as important as anything) have no ambition to gratify, which will prevent their giving their best efforts unselfishly to promote the interests of the Craft. Their number is comparatively so small that there is no danger of their outvoting the representatives of Lodges. In fine, as the result of carefully watching the operations of the system for many years, we believe that the Grand Lodges, which have a fair number of permanent members with full powers, have been the most prosperous, have attained the highest influence, and, in a word, have most fully subserved the purpose of their existence ; they have had less bad legislation, less erroneous decisions, closer adherence to fundamental principles, and better work."

He thinks that the Junior Warden, when acting as official accuser on a trial, should not be allowed to vote on the verdict.

He is satisfied that the doctrine of Territorial Jurisdiction originated in England and came to this country when Masonry came, and that the maintenance of a Lodge in the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge is as much an infringement of its sovereignty as the chartering of a Lodge there. So are we, and that is the logical result of the doctrine, otherwise there would be an exclusive jurisdiction that is not exclusive.

It is quite universally held that a Mason cannot be tried for offences committed before he was a Mason, except for some fraud connected with his admission into the fraternity.

On the subject of life-membership, Bro. Drummond has some excellent remarks, from which we make the following extracts :—

"There is one phase of this subject that presents an important question. Life-membership is usually created by a by-law in a code which provides that any by-law may be repealed, or amended in the manner therein provided. It has been assumed that when a life-membership has been paid for, it is a contract between the Lodge and the member, which cannot be rescinded or varied without his consent. But courts have held that the clause of the by-law providing for amendment or repeal *is also a part of the contract*, and, therefore, that the by-law, in relation to life-membership may be repealed in the manner provided in the by-laws, and the member thereafter subjected to the payment of the regular dues. We think that this will be the settled decision of the courts. But as the decision is based upon a technicality and is contrary to the original understanding of the parties, it ought not to be adopted as Masonic law, except perhaps in extreme cases. The question is not a merely supposable one. It has already arisen in some jurisdictions, and is liable to arise frequently."

There have been cases, and may again be cases, in which another rule of law may properly be invoked. Contracts made upon a mutual mistake of facts may be rescinded by either of the parties, subject to certain con-

ditions. Cases have arisen in which by mutual mistake of facts essential to a correct basis for a contract of life-membership, the price has been made entirely inadequate, and a Lodge has suddenly found itself with an empty treasury, and with an income from dues less than its necessary expenses, on account of the large number of life-members not subject to dues. They had purchased the life-membership at a price much lower than its value, and had aided in prematurely spending the money. In such a case, we can see no wrong in rescinding the contract upon equitable terms. The sum paid with the current rate of interest should be credited in offset to the dues, and the member should pay no dues until after that sum is exhausted : of course, if it is exhausted before the by-law is repealed no back dues can be charged. This course would be admissible only in extreme cases in which it is absolutely certain that the price of the life-membership was materially inadequate.

In some Lodges, life-membership is acquired by the regular payment of dues for a given number of years. We do not think that this constitutes a contract in either a legal or moral sense. There is no consideration for it. The regular *performance of a duty* is no consideration for a contract. It is a Mason's duty to belong to a Lodge and pay dues, and unless he does something additional it does not seem to us that he can claim a reward, for he has only performed his duty."

We agree with Bro. Drummond that the courts would hold that the by-law providing for life-membership could be repealed and that the repeal would affect those members who had acquired life-membership under it, because the by-laws themselves provide that they may be repealed, and the member knowingly made that provision a part of the contract. But it is a question whether Masons should take advantage of such a ruling. Vested rights are usually respected, and we think that if any such by-law should be repealed, provision should be made that it should not affect those who had acquired rights under it, in other words, it should be considered as applicable only to the future.

In the case put by Bro. Drummond, where both parties are under a mistake of facts, of course the repeal should apply to all.

In his last paragraph, above quoted, Bro. Drummond raises a new and very discriminative point. Many lodges make Honorary Members of those who have regularly paid dues for twenty or twenty-five years, but according to Bro. Drummond this is illegal, as the performance of duty is no consideration and it was their duty to pay their dues. That may be so, but still we think that Lodges should have some consideration for those who have been so regular in their performance of duty.

for so many years, and it is nothing more than a well-merited compliment for faithful service, such as is done every day to those retiring from office who have only done their duty faithfully. The average duration of Lodge membership is, we believe, considerably less than ten years, and we think that Lodges are deserving of credit who honor those of twenty-five years standing by relieving them of any further money payments in the way of dues.

We copy Bro. Drummond's valuable table of statistics:—

“STATISTICS.”

We are able to give statistics for all the American Grand Lodges covered by our review, down to the latest publication, except those whose Proceedings for 1888 are received as our report is going through the press.

COMPARISON OF STATISTICS.

	G. Lodges. 1888.	Totals. 1888.	G. Lodges. 1887.	Totals. 1887.	G. Lodges. 1886.	Totals. 1886.
Members,	55.....	615,136	55.....	605,408	55.....	596,464
Raised,	54.....	29,985	53.....	28,066	54.....	24,818
Admissions, &c.,	53 ...	20,593	51 ...	19,335	54 ...	16,760
Dimissions,	55.....	16,681	54.....	16,236	55.....	14,307
Expulsions,	50.....	370	52.....	388	53.....	416
Suspensions,	37.....	348	33.....	310	35.....	278
“ npt. dues,	54.....	15,024	54.....	15,994	54.....	12,729
Deaths	55.....	8,214	54.....	8,151	55.....	7,426

GENERAL TABLE.

GRAND LODGES.	Members.	Raised.	Admitted and Restored.	Withdrawn.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Susp'd for non-payment of dues.	Died.
Alabama....	7,305	460	445	304	8	10	331	169
Arizona.....	355	20	24	16	0	0	24	6
Arkansas.....	11,153	573	635	462	23	31	300	211
British Columbia... .	393	46	31	18	0	...	*5	3
California.....	14,622	493	678	425	8	8	322	197
Canada.....	19,450	1,030	469	608	2	6	543	198
Colorado.....	4,077	202	181	140	2	...	*104	44
Connecticut.....	14,510	560	150	98	...	6	138	208
Dakota.....	3,594	386	271	164	0	4	46	25
Delaware.....	1,553	90	6	14	1	...	*12	20
Dist. of Columbia... .	3,191	185	107	40	...	2	45	42
Florida.....	2,949	235	226	140	4	...	*56	63
Georgia.....	11,461	641	508	517	...	...	*282	179

GRAND LODGES.	M.	R.	A. & R.	W.	E.	S.	S. for n. p. d.	D.
Idaho.....	634	50	34	24	3	....	*3	6
Illinois.....	40,433	2,070	1,118	1,381	26	....	1,001	496
Indiana.....	22,591	1,090	811	771	39	47	44	277
Indian Territory.....	794	88	44	50	2	2	32	12
Iowa.....	21,591	1,220	734	1,035	19	17	....	204
Kansas.....	15,798	1,135	788	795	7	....	*194	130
Kentucky.....	14,232	902	651	602	16	....	*764	236
Louisiana.....	3,849	124	145	81	2	....	*104	84
Maine.....	20,370	700	180	266	3	1	274	281
Manitoba.....	1,628	141	130	91	0	1	48	7
Maryland.....	5,137	157	37	48	2	0	37	41
Massachusetts ..	28,558	1,148	1,474	400	1	0	368	360
Michigan.....	28,823	1,424	883	762	13	....	*553	322
Minnesota.....	8,677	675	337	320	....	5	134	87
Mississippi.....	7,253	301	360	241	3	4	314	132
Missouri.....	25,728	893	877	894	37	24	671	325
Montana.....	1,375	74	89	46	1	2	*35	14
Nebraska.....	7,377	604	576	294	9	....	*112	48
Nevada.....	1,037	24	39	38	0	....	*30	11
New Brunswick.....	1,838	88	38	80	0	....	*74	17
New Hampshire.....	8,174	256	321	91	0	4	74	117
New Jersey.....	12,932	622	249	210	3	4	235	167
New Mexico.....	581	46	20	24	0	0	32	5
New York.....	72,113	3,478	1,804	868	31	....	3,229	1018
North Carolina.....	8,321	325	234	170	10	11	176	111
Nova Scotia.....	2,440	160	77	116	0	0	60	37
Ohio.....	33,856	1,872	1,643	484	....	116	1,264	418
Oregon.....	3,436	140	146	87	5	4	84	40
Pennsylvania.....	37,787	1,728	533	432	0	....	*595	607
P. E. Island.....	455	30	9	12	0	0	10	10
Quebec.....	2,860	120	38	87	0	0	74	34
Rhode Island.....	3,642	127	179	27	1	1	56	57
South Carolina.....	4,982	231	....	188	0	0	247	101
Tennessee.....	14,092	597	613	515	19	17	342	241
Texas.....	20,417	1,065	988	1,220	54	....	422	313
Utah.....	462	18	22	26	0	2	18	5
Vermont.....	8,118	344	100	138	1	2	91	121
Virginia.....	8,799	....	....	321	4	9	248	153
Washington.....	1,936	121	115	50	2	3	22	26
West Virginia.....	3,721	222	123	95	3	5	76	49
Wisconsin.....	13,108	595	268	342	4	....	241	125
Wyoming.....	568	59	35	13	2	0	18	4
Total.....	615136	29985	20593	16681	370	348	15024	8214

* Including suspensions for all causes.

M. W. Bro. Frank E. Sleeper, (Sabatis,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Ira Berry, (Portland,) G. S.

MANITOBA.

14th Communication, Winnipeg, February 13th, 1889.

R. W. Bro. James A. Ovas, as Grand Master. In conse-

quence of a severe domestic bereavement, the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Thomas Clarke, was unable to be present.

Two new Lodges were formed, one at Lethbridge and the other at Anthracite, both in Alberta.

The returns show that Masonry is keeping pace with the general progress of the country. They have 40 Lodges and 1704 members, an increase during the year of 105. They have a Library, under the management of the efficient and energetic Grand Secretary, Bro. W. G. Scott, and a free reading room, open daily, (Sundays excepted,) from 9 a. m., to 10 p. m. The expenses for periodicals and for lighting and heating are all paid by the City Lodges of Winnipeg.

They have two authorized rituals in this Jurisdiction, and one Lodge has attempted to combine them. This illustrates one of the difficulties attendant on such a system:—

“ Referring to the irregularities, or rather the innovations, in the matter of opening and closing Lodge, practised in Ionic Lodge No. 25, as referred to in this report, your Committee is of the opinion that the form laid down in the ritual should be strictly adhered to, and that no amalgamation of the two rituals should be countenanced.

Your Committee would recommend that each Lodge should be enjoined to work in strict accordance with the ritual (either of the two recognized by this Grand Lodge) which it may adopt.”

Their Lodge in Morocco has sent money for dues, and an explanation of the delay in forwarding returns.

New South Wales was recognized.

A resolution to adopt the Canada work as the authorized work, and allowing those Lodges using the York work to continue during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, received the six months' hoist.

M. W. Bro. Rev. Canon James D. O'Meara, (Winnipeg,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. William G. Scott, (Winnipeg,) G. S.

MARYLAND.

Semi-annual, May 8th, 1888.

The Grand Master reports universal prosperity and enthusiasm. He advocates dual membership.

In order to facilitate the election of officers, the following resolutions were adopted :—

"Resolved, The second day's session of the Annual Communication shall be called at 5 o'clock P. M., when the reports of Committees shall be made and such other business transacted as may be presented for consideration. A collation shall be served at 6½ to 7 o'clock, immediately after which the annual election for Grand Officers shall be held.

Resolved, Six or more collectors shall be appointed to collect the ballots, during the collection and counting of which every Brother shall remain in his seat until the result of the ballot is announced."

Fifty dollars was appropriated for the relief of a worthy Past Grand Officer.

The following were adopted :—

"Whereas, The belief in an infinitely wise, beneficent, and Supreme Being, is an essential tenet of our institution, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Maryland recommend the Subordinate Lodges in its jurisdiction, to attend Divine Service when convenient to do so, at least once a year, on Sunday nearest either Festival of St. John.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Master at the expense of this Grand Lodge, be requested to provide for our Representatives near other Grand Lodges, an appropriate Jewel as a Badge of Office, to be worn by said Representatives while acting as such, and to be delivered to their successors in office, or returned to the Grand Lodge of Maryland."

Our old friend, Bro. E. T. Schultz, has an excellent report on correspondence, in which our proceedings for 1887 receive due attention.

He thinks that it is not illegal for Lodges to pay the Funeral expenses of an unaffiliated Brother. So do we.

On the prerogatives of Grand Masters, he says :—

"Brother Drummond is fully able to take care of himself and to substantiate any statement he may have made, we will, therefore, merely say, that the history of the revival of Masonry in England in 1717, will show that the Grand Master was chosen before the Grand Lodge was formed; therefore, at least one Grand Master did exist before the formation of the mother Grand Lodge of the world, as he calls it in another part of his report.

Let us see if Grand Masters have no powers other than that which may be given by the Constitution?

In the proposed new Constitution of Iowa the Grand Master is recognized as having power and authority to grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges, to arrest the charter of a Lodge and to suspend the Master of a Lodge, and these are about all the powers that are specifically given him. Will Brother Parvin say that the Grand Master of Iowa cannot, or should not, exercise any other powers than these? If yes, what is meant by this clause in the same article of the Constitution, which, or something similar, is in every Grand Lodge Constitution, viz., "and is entitled to all the privileges and prerogatives which attach to his office by the ancient usages of Freemasonry?"

The Regulations of 1723, Brother Parvin terms, "By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of England, which may be altered or repealed at pleasure, and as to the landmarks, he says, no two Brothers agree as to what they are. Now if this be true, is it not time, that the phrase "ancient charges, regulations, landmarks and usages of Masonry," about which Brother Parvin, as well as every one else, is continually repeating, should either be well defined and understood, or else stricken from our Constitutions, forms and ceremonies?

There may be a difference of opinion regarding some of the landmarks of Masonry, but there is sufficient unanimity of opinion regarding those of most importance. Our own opinion is, that the traditions, customs and usages which have prevailed among the Craft generally, for nearly two hundred years, if not landmarks have the sanctity of such, and should be so held and regarded. For one hundred and sixty years at least, certain inherent rights and privileges have been recognized as existing in Grand Masters, by the Craft throughout the world.

The designation Grand Master of Masons, and not Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, indicates that he is not the creature of the Grand Lodge, but has powers beyond its control."

He is justly severe on the demoralizing practice of rotation in office :—

"Your Committee has long entertained and frequently expressed the opinion, that the practice which has become so prevalent of late years, of rotation and yearly changes in the presiding officers of our Masonic bodies, is of the most hurtful character.

In our opinion this practice is the fruitful source of non-attendance and non-affiliation, which so much excites the solicitude of our Grand Lodges. There can be little or no inducement for an intelligent Brother to attend the meetings of his Lodge, when he sees *continuously* an inexperienced Brother in the chair ; and this must be the case by the system of change referred to ; the consequence is, he ceases to attend the meetings and in time asks for a dimit.

We call to mind a number of cases, where Brethren of decided ability and fitness for the office, but by reason of timidity not able to preside with comfort either to themselves or the Brethren, until near the end of their term, would if the opportunity had been given them, have been an honor to the Lodge and a credit to the fraternity.

If this is the case with officers of subordinate Lodges, with how much more force does it apply to the high and responsible position of Grand Master of Masons, *the chief overseer of the Craft* ; how important it is that he should possess that knowledge which can only be acquired by practice and experience ?

The custom of changing the Grand Master each year, as Grand Master Kimbrough very correctly says, "degrades the office" and "gives but little honor to the official and less to the Craft."

We were surprised to discover that this yearly change of Grand Masters prevails in so many jurisdictions ; but we also find in these jurisdictions, that the opposition to the doctrine of "inherent powers of Grand Masters" does most abound, and quite naturally. It becomes absolutely necessary to *hedge* by constitutional enactments inexperienced and incompetent Grand Masters, who by the system of rotation must necessarily sometimes slip into the office."

102nd Communication, Baltimore, Nov. 20th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shrylock, (Baltimore,) G. M.

Among the representatives from other Grand Lodges present, we notice the name of R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, from Canada.

The Grand Master reports harmony in every section of the state and unusual activity among the Lodges.

In the report of the Grand Inspectors, we find the following:—

“It may not be out of place in this report to say, that they have observed with much gratification, the good that is being done our membership by the educational influences that are developed through constant attendance at Lodge meetings, and occupancy of stations of honor therein.

These influences being exerted in the cultivation of so large a body of men in those graces and habits of easy manners and general culture, so happily illustrated in the meetings of the Grand Lodge, they deem it wise thus publicly to advert to them.

These benefits are not left within the Lodge doors, but are carried without, into the various parts of the commonwealth, and as freeborn American citizens they are better qualified to discharge their duties as such.

The polish, confidence and information gained by a Brother while serving his Lodge in the various positions from Junior Steward to Worshipful Master, are not easily calculated, and fit him to fill posts of honor and trust in the social, business, political and religious world.

They would also observe that when all the Lodges throughout the jurisdiction are fully officered, there is a body of some eight hundred men being constantly trained in these elevating pursuits, truly leaven enough to leaven a large proportion of the community.

It should therefore stimulate every Brother to endeavor to serve his Lodge, by promptly attending its communications, and thus put himself in line to be called with honors.

In looking over the City and State and witnessing the conspicuous places filled by the members of the Craft, one is forced to admit that, although Masonry seeks not worldly wealth and honors, yet the benefits she confers enables a Brother to serve God, his country and himself, with greater freedom and ability.”

The Grand Secretary having completed the twenty-fifth year of service in that capacity was the recipient of numerous and valuable tokens of esteem from the Grand Lodge and individual Lodges with which he was connected. The testimonial from the Grand Lodge was a “Loving Cup,” an Etruscan vase, having the capacity of one gallon, suitably inscribed.

A special committee reported against dual membership. They found only one Grand Lodge, that of Virginia, which allows it, out of the forty-three Grand Lodges from which they had obtained information.

The question was raised as to the Grand Lodge, being an appellate body, having original jurisdiction, or the right to try any brother for a Masonic offence. The Grand Lodge decided, with but one dissenting vote, that it had such a right.

The following amendment was adopted :—

“ No Lodge in the City of Baltimore shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less sum than fifty dollars, provided the City of Baltimore, for one year shall be understood to be comprised within the limits of the present twenty wards ; provided also, that at the end of the time specified, Lodges in the territory now known as the Belt, in the event of annexation shall be included in the above requirement.”

An amendment to give the Lodges in the counties concurrent jurisdiction was rejected.

M. W. Bro. Thomas J. Shrylock, (Baltimore,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Jacob H. Medairy, (Baltimore,) G. S.

MICHIGAN.

45th Communication, Detroit, January 22nd, 1889.

M. W. Bro. William B. Wilson, G. M.

He formed four new Lodges and refused two others. He strongly recommends assistance to the Masonic Home about to be established at Grand Rapids. R. W. Bro. J. F. H. Gunn appears in his list of Grand Representatives appointed. The Grand Master rightly refused permission to a Lodge to solicit aid from other Lodges to rebuild their hall, which had been destroyed by fire and no insurance.

The question of life-membership has had a serious issue for one Lodge. They have 152 members, but 97 of these are life members, paying no dues, and in consequence there is an annual deficit of about \$200.00. The following report was adopted :—

“ In view of this state of facts, the Lodge now asks this Grand Lodge for such legislation as will enable it to collect such dues as may be fixed by its by-laws, from each and every member of said Lodge, irrespective of any question of life-membership.

In 1885, the right of this Lodge to compel the members who had been exempted from the payment of dues, to pay the same, came before Grand Lodge, and it was then decided that it would be unjust so to do, but the question then before the Grand Lodge was a naked one, and only involved the rights of the members so affected.

In the opinion of your Committee the question now presented involves

not only the rights of the non-due paying members, but of those who pay dues as well, and over and above all the very life of the Lodge itself.

The question now before the Grand Lodge is simply this: whether the Grand Lodge will permit and authorize this Lodge to compel its one hundred and fifty members to share equally its burdens, or compel the Lodge to submit to the inevitable, namely: the surrender of its charter.

If the latter, then the ninety-five non-paying members, as well as the fifty-five due-paying members, are without a Masonic home.

It seems to your Committee that the greatest good can be secured for even what are termed the life-members, by granting the prayer of the petition.

The by-laws of the Lodge can not be amended except by a two-thirds vote, and the members of the Lodge who have appeared before us are confident that the necessary vote can be secured.

Behind all these questions, there is the more serious question of whether a Lodge has the right, or ever had the right, to exempt its members from future and unforeseen liabilities, and your Committee doubt if this can be done.

Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the prayer of said petition be granted, that said Kilwinning Lodge be authorized so to amend its by-laws by the necessary two-thirds vote, as to make all of its members liable to the payment of annual dues from and after the adoption of such by-laws, giving at least thirty days notice of such amendment."

The Grand Lodge annual dues were reduced from thirty-five cents to thirty cents.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence and notices our proceedings for 1888.

M. W. Bro. W. Irving Babcock, (Niles,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. W. P. Innes, (Grand Rapids,) G. S.

MINNESOTA.

36th Communication, St. Paul, January 16th, 1889.

The Grand Master was absent through illness. From the address of the Deputy Grand Master, we learn that two new Lodges were formed, and that the Craft is in a prosperous condition.

A special Committee was appointed to consider the expediency of establishing a Grand Lodge Library. A new form of By-laws was adopted.

The Grand Secretary reports on correspondence, and notices our proceedings for 1888. On the American work, he says:—

"The American system of lectures was gotten up and arranged by Snow, Hanmer, Fowle, Webb, Nye, etc. At the time Webb had been a Mason but three or four years, but as he published a monitor and was most active

in disseminating the new lectures, the system received the name "Webb Work."

Preston arranged the lectures into six sections in the first degree, four in the second and twelve in the third. Whoever heard of the term "Preston-Webb" until it was used to push the fortunes of some lithographic sheets and afterward of mnemonics? With equal propriety the term "Hutchinson-Webb" or "Dunckerly-Webb," or "Martin Clare-Webb" might be used, as each of them arranged a system of lectures before Preston did.

Webb taught the system to Gleason, Cushman, Wadsworth, Enos, Cross, etc., who went about the country on lecturing tours. Each had certificates from Webb, but each differed in language as Webb did himself; but the work was the same, and that was the object of Webb's monitor, to introduce a uniformity in ceremonial or work, which was happily accomplished, and for which the memory of Thomas Smith Webb deserves more credit than that of either of his coadjutors.

Masonic lessons are to-day taught all over the country by symbols that Webb knew nothing about, notably the "weeping virgin," introduced by Nye through Cross; very pretty and very appropriate, but first published in Cross' Hieroglyphical Chart in 1819."

M. W. Bro. Jacob A. Kiester, (Blue Earth City,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, (St. Paul,) G. S.

MISSISSIPPI.

71st Communication, Meridian, Feb. 14th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. M. M. Evans, G. M.

He arrested the charters of two Lodges for refusal to obey the Grand Lodge regulation against the admission of saloon-keepers. He formed four new Lodges. He appointed R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford as their representative near Canada. He congratulates the Brethren that the Craft in Mississippi is inspired with new life and vigor. The Grand Lodge is in better financial condition than it has been for years.

The following report was adopted by a vote of 681 to 95:—

"Your Committee having considered the general subject of Saloon Keeping, recommend that the following be substituted for the statute enacted at the last Grand Lodge :

SECTION—That Subordinate Lodges shall not initiate, pass or raise any candidate or admit to membership any non-affiliated Mason engaged, as principal or employe, as a saloon keeper."

A new regulation was enacted as follows:—

"Master Masons of twenty-one years continuous affiliation, and who are over the age of seventy years, are exempt from dues to either Grand or Subordinate Lodges, except the ten cents annual charity dues; and a suitable certificate of the fact shall be furnished by each Lodge to the members so exempt, which certificate shall be attested by the Grand Secretary, and by him made a matter of record."

Bro. Frederic Speed, P. G. M., is engaged in the preparation of a digest of their laws, and the Grand Lodge decided to continue the work and it will probably be issued authoritatively.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. A. H. Barkley. Our proceedings do not appear to have been received. We copy his opening paragraph :—

" In looking over the Masonic field during the past year, we have found much to interest, instruct and enlarge the mind of the Masonic student. The principles and tenets of this time-honored Institution ever remain the same, nor will its true votaries ever consent to innovations upon the body of Masonry. A search among the archives, and a closer study of the mission and intent of Masonry, oftentimes brings out into clearer light, great truths which before were but imperfectly, if at all, understood. A new impetus is being given to the study of the cardinal virtues, and a proper application of the principles of moral rectitude has in every instance tended to the correction of evil. "There are great truths at the foundation of Freemasonry—truths which it is its mission to teach." To find out these great truths, to appropriate to ourselves the pure lessons which they impart, and make them the rule of our conduct, is a duty incumbent on every Mason. *To be good and true men is the foundation of every virtue.* Every truth brought to light in Masonry, inculcates the principles of *Morality*. The jewels of every Mason are *Morality* and *Brotherly Love*, and these we are to exemplify in what we do."

M. W. Bro. William G. Paxton, (Vicksburg,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, (Jackson,) G. S.

MISSOURI.

68th Communication, St. Louis, October 9th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. William M. Williams, G. M.

The past year has been one of unusual prosperity. They have declared that saloon-keeping is a Masonic offence, and the Grand Master reports that not a single Lodge within their borders has a member engaged in this business. He refused all dispensations for joint celebrations. He held five State Lodges of instruction, at which, in addition to the work, Masonic addresses were delivered upon the history, symbolism and moral teachings of Masonry. He formed thirteen new Lodges.

When a vote was taken upon the report on appeals connected with the expulsion of a member who denied the God of the Bible and the truth of the Book of the Law, it was adopted by a rising vote with entire unanimity and great enthusiasm.

The reports on grievances and appeals are given at great

length and in full detail. They are not, however, pleasant reading, and we think it would be better if these reports were not so much in detail, the shorter the better.

Their "Masonic Home" is to be located at or near St. Louis, and they have about \$53,000 on hand and will commence the work at once.

The Grand Secretary has an extensive report on correspondence, covering 183 pages. Canada, for 1887, receives a good notice and the Grand Master is highly complimented on his address.

Bro. Vincil justly condemns Lodge meetings on Sunday, and also the expulsion of members for non-payment of dues. He calls perpetual jurisdiction "the most indefensible and unjustifiable dogma of the times." On their Lodge in Mexico, he says :—

"Missouri was aware, when she created Toltec Lodge in the City of Mexico, that some kind of a Grand Body existed there. But as such Body was not working what is called the "York Rite," our Toltec Lodge was recommended by the existing Rite, and welcomed among them with heartiness. Our Grand Lodge believed that the field was open and that we were welcome."

The creation of Toltec Lodge being recommended by the "Rite then and there existing, Missouri planted the "York Rite" Lodge in the capital of Mexico, to work in English, for the benefit of American and other English speaking Masons. The formation of the Grand Lodge in the Federal District clearly places all Lodges in that jurisdiction under its control. Missouri will not hesitate to transfer Toltec Lodge to Mexico Grand Lodge when arrangements are perfected."

The following also has our approval :—

"As to the first part when a Mason is to be buried by the Templars, they rendering their own service, let Master Masons, *as such* stay away. If a Mason prefers a request while living, to have a Templar funeral when dead, his wish should be respected. Let the Templars bury him. Master Masons should have nothing to do with the affair in their Lodge character. The Lodge with me must have the first place all the while. A templar escort is eminently proper where a Lodge has exclusive control, *provided* always it is desired by the living or was the known wish of the deceased. There is just a little too much parade and demonstration connected with some Masonic funerals. I want none of it when loved ones shall bear my mortal part to the silent City. And above all things I do not want the feelings of my family,—already bleeding—harrowed and tortured by the blare of trumpets, the rattle of drums and screeching of other instruments when I am borne to my final resting place. No brass band accompaniment for a funeral in my case. I do not possess greatness enough to merit a *big* funeral. I want a *quiet* one."

M. W. Bro. James P. Wood, (New London,) G. M.

R. W. Bro John D. Vincil, (St. Louis,) G. S.

These proceedings form a bulky volume of 390 pages, and were printed in *three* working days after Grand Lodge closed and mailed on the *fourth*. This beats the record. And yet some Grand Secretaries take months over the same work.

MONTANA.

24th Communication, Missoula, October 3rd, 1888.

R. W. Bro. A. C. Logan, D. G. M., acting as G. M.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. J. W. Hathaway, was absent through matters connected with his Civil Office. In his address he congratulates the Brethren upon the prevailing harmony. He formed two new Lodges.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

The Grand Master properly ruled that in case any delegate was temporarily absent from the Grand Lodge, no other person was entitled to cast a vote for him.

Grand Orator Gould had for his subject, "Masonry, the Pioneer of Civilization." We quote a few paragraphs:—

"The influence of Freemasonry upon the growth of civilization in Montana, cannot be measured by any ordinary standard. Few Masons are aware of the influence it exerted in our early days, and a still less number appreciate it. But that noble band of Brothers who freely gave the best years of their early manhood, or the counsel of their riper years to the protection of society and the advancement of every lawful interest of the territory—which was honored beyond compare by their presence and influence—should receive the profound gratitude of every citizen of our beautiful territory. Their courage was of a type akin to that of a Douglass, and their self-denial would have honored the early martyrs.

Between them and the states, to whom they might look for succour or protection, rolled the green billows of a boundless wilderness. The treacherous red man of the prairie formed a gauntlet of death through which relief must come, and through whose fiery wall they must dash, did they seek protection of the honorable law, or did their weary hearts desire to bask in the sunlight of home.

Never in the history of America had there gathered together such a heterogeneous mass of humanity. Here met the loyal citizen and the outlaw; the criminal and nature's nobleman; uncompromising honor and unblushing villainy; Southern chivalry and Northern valor; infidel and Christian; men of all climates and complexions; and among them all a distrust born of mixed society and troublesome times.

A country officered by road agents and directed by foot-pads organized for crime would be a spectacle for Gods and men; such would approximate the then state of things in some portions of Montana now happily basking in the sunshine of peace. "How good and how pleasant" it must have been at such a time to hail the token recognized as well in the midnight darkness as in the glare of the noonday sun. How "like the precious ointment upon the head" to meet a brother to whom the weary

soul could unburden itself, whose sympathetic ear would be open to the cry of distress ; whose strong arm would be ready to defend, and the counsel of whose lips was wisdom. A sign ; a token ; and a few Masons gathered together. No matter from whence they came their sign language was the same. No matter where they met ; it might be in the rude cabin of some brother whose remote habitation gave a promise of secrecy ; or in the twilight hush of some moss carpeted canyon, whose rocky and precipitous sides presented a barrier against eavesdroppers. Or on some mountain's side, where nature's grandeur inspired their hearts with renewed zeal, and where the solemn pines stood guard against the approach of cowans, each heart stirred with a sincere desire to promote the public weal."

After adjournment the whole membership was treated to a Railway Excursion up the Bitter Root Valley and fared sumptuously at Victor and Grantsdale.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Our proceedings for 1887 are noticed. He thinks that our requirements of dues for honorary members is peculiar, "but it is a healthy check upon this gushing tendency." Our minutiae of dress and regalia would excite amusement if proposed in Montana.

Bro. Hedges has an excellent conclusion :—

"And now there is space for but a word on the general prospects at home. Everything is bright and promising. Montana and her sister Territories will soon be sovereign States. In all save distant Alaska there is now an independent Grand Lodge, and Masonry is doing a great work in bringing order out of chaotic elements and giving impetus to all civilizing and harmonizing influences.

The most prominent and characteristic present general feature of Masonry in this country is its movement to provide Homes for the widow, orphans and infirm. It appears everywhere. Some have heard and heeded the demand, and hundreds are already provided for. Others apparently better able seem to turn a deaf ear, but there is no escape. The demand comes back every time with greater volume and power. The era of Temple building, which a few years ago was so general and brought so many failures, burdens and bitter disappointments, is about over. It was the poorest kind of *speculative* Masonry. The era of practical charity, the real, true work of Masonry has come and taken its place. We bid it welcome with all our heart. The Temples on which we are to exercise our skill and lavish our wealth are those of flesh and blood. These words of inspiration : "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me," are the summons that we cannot disobey except at our everlasting peril."

M. W. Bro. Arthur C. Logan, (Helena,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges, (Helena,) G. S.

NEBRASKA.

31st Communication, June 20th, 1888, at Lincoln.

M. W. Bro. Milton J. Hull, G. M.

He reports a prosperous year. He formed 14 new Lodges. He thinks that new Lodges should have at least twenty charter members. He travelled 5000 miles in making his official visits.

The Grand Custodian exemplified the work in 40 Lodges and held fifteen schools of instruction.

In this Jurisdiction it appears that the Lodges which make their returns promptly and correctly are allowed a credit of one cent per member per day, for each day that the returns are in before a specified time, and this year the credits amount to the large sum of \$1,654.08, the total dues being \$6,946.54.

On the disputed point as to the proper use of the words "Meeting" and "Communication," the following report was adopted:—

"Your special committee appointed one year ago to report to this Grand Lodge the proper word to be used at the congregations of brethren, beg leave to report that, having given the matter due consideration, going back over the records for one hundred and fifty years, or the earliest records accessible, we find that the word to be used is "meetings," as applied to Subordinate Lodges, and "communications" for Grand Lodges.

The conclusion reached is that the old word was "meeting" ninety-nine times out of every hundred. It is remarked, however, that in the early days of American Freemasonry, our brethren "held Lodges" instead of "held meetings." They would "hold a Lodge," and record same as the proceedings of "a Lodge held."

So much for the custom of American Freemasons before other secret societies existed in the United States; and the same reason exists for clinging to the word "meeting," as to the words "cowan," "eaves-dropper," "oblong-square," "hale," etc. A further reason is that "meeting" is short, simple, Saxon, while "communication" is long, lumbering, Latin. The first truly describes our congregations, the latter does not, either in its strict, original, or present meaning; and it is hoped that no thought exists among us to lift ourselves by our bootstraps—to convey a big idea by using a big word—for such attempt would be as vain as if we were to throw aside our white gloves and aprons for the gay trappings of the many secret societies of the present decade. Our only hope is to continue to be distinguished by simplicity, and to excel in that direction; and as in our work, the word is "give it," rather than "communicate it;" so, on the several grounds of old-time usage, true meaning, and simplicity, I think "meeting" is to be preferred to "communication."

The salary of the Grand Custodian was fixed at \$1,200, and his travelling and Hotel expenses are to be paid by the Lodges visited.

The term of office of Grand Representatives was fixed at three years from the date of commission.

M. W. Bro. George B. France, (York,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. William R. Bowen, (Omaha,) G. S.

NEVADA.

24th Communication, Virginia, June 12th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. A. L. Fitzgerald, G. M.

Virginia City is built upon the famous Comstock Lode, and, we presume the Grand Lodge drew proper inspiration therefrom, and they all became *silver-tongued orators and sterling homunculi*.

The Grand Master had no less than four cases of invasion of Jurisdiction on his hands :—

"The foregoing—*four* cases of invasion pending in one Grand Lodge "at one and the same time"—in a very striking manner brings us face to face with a question which in other jurisdictions than Nevada is now disturbing the peace and harmony of the builders of the Grand Masonic Temple on earth : that question is whether each Grand Lodge shall have *exclusive jurisdiction* over the territory in which it is situated ; or whether all Grand Lodges, "whithersoever dispersed around the globe," shall have *concurrent jurisdiction* of the entire earth. I believe it is unquestionably better for Masonry that each Grand Lodge have *exclusive jurisdiction* and control over its territory and all "material" therein.

Holding firmly to this view I gave the following order to the Worshipful Master of each Lodge into the jurisdiction of which an invasion was made :—

That such Master should not recognize as a Mason the person in his jurisdiction so receiving the degrees elsewhere or have any Masonic intercourse with him ; or permit any member of his Lodge to do either ; and that this order be announced by the Master in open Lodge at its next communication. This order I trust the Grand Lodge may approve. In this connection, in view of the great increase in the frequency of the invasion of our rights, which increase I attribute largely to the uncertainty, indefiniteness and uneffectiveness of the remedies heretofore attempted to be applied, I recommend that the Grand Lodge resolve :—

That in future whenever any Master Mason of this jurisdiction ascertains that one whom he knows to be a resident of this state goes elsewhere to get the degrees of Masonry, it shall be the duty of such Master Mason immediately to report the facts to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge in whose jurisdiction the one so taking the degrees resides ; that it shall be the duty of such Worshipful Master to announce at the next meeting of his Lodge that no member thereof shall recognize such person as a Mason or have any Masonic intercourse with him until the Lodge is in receipt of an order therefor from either the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge ; that it shall also be the duty of such Worshipful Master immediately to lay the facts of the case before the Grand Master ; and that it shall be the duty of the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary immediately to give to each

constituent Lodge of the jurisdiction a notice of the matter accompanied by a similar order as to recognition and Masonic intercourse. Such a course promptly taken and firmly adhered to will, in my judgment, soon stop this growing evil of trespass, infringement and invasion."

The report on correspondence is by Bro. R. L. Fulton, and notices Canada for 1887.

M. W. Bro. William McMillan, (Virginia,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Chauncey N. Noteware, (Carson,) G. S.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

21st Communication, St. John, April 24th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. James McNichol, G. M.

In twenty years they have increased in membership from 1312 to 1833. The past year has been rather uneventful. They enjoy a moderate degree of prosperity and harmony prevails.

The following report was adopted :—

"The Committee on relations with Foreign Grand Lodges have much pleasure in reporting that the fraternal relations of this Grand Lodge with sister Grand Lodges continues, as heretofore, in perfect harmony.

During the past year there has been no new application for recognition by any Grand Lodge, nor has there been any change in the position of the Grand Lodge of Mexico or Grand Lodge of Porto Rico which would warrant your Committee in recommending action at present on their application for recognition by this Grand Lodge."

M. W. Bro. James McNichol, (St John,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Edwin J. Wetmore, (St. John,) G. S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

99th Communication, Concord, May 16th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. William R. Burleigh, G. M.

The returns show a small gain in membership. The Order is in a sound and healthful condition. In the report of the Fifth District we find the following :—

"Within the past year there died in Haverhill, Miss Eliza Cross, a sister of Jeremy L. Cross. At the death of Brother Cross, all his books, papers and correspondence relating to Masonry came into her possession, all of which she religiously preserved, and from her I had repeated assurances that all of these should be given to the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for preservation. I had also received assurances from the person chosen as her executor that I should, at least, have an opportunity to examine all such things. I did receive, and sent to the Grand Secretary, some publications of J. L. Cross, and others, but nothing, of any particular historical value to

the Craft ; but the most important part of this collection, the letters received by him upon Masonic matters for forty years or more, I failed to receive, or to see. To my astonishment and dismay, I was informed by the person in charge, soon after the decease of Miss Cross, that these letters had been burned."

As a guide for the information of Investigating Committees we give the terms of a Standing Regulation adopted by this Grand Lodge :—

" It is hereby made the duty of committees on character of applicants for initiation, to report upon each of the following named points :

1. What is the applicant's age ?
2. Where is his residence (specifying locality in Town or City as near as may be,) and has he a legal residence in the place of his present domicile ?
3. Is he married or single, and if married, is he living with his wife ?
4. What is his occupation, and where is he employed ?
5. Is he physically qualified for admission ?
6. Is he addicted to the intemperate use of intoxicating liquors ?
7. Does he gamble, or associate with bad characters ?
8. Does he habitually use profane or indecent language ?
9. Has he a good character among his neighbors ?
10. Does he possess sufficient education and intelligence to understand and value the principles of Freemasonry ?
11. Has he previously made application for the Degrees, and if so, when and where ?
12. Are there any other facts known to the committee which should properly be brought to the attention of the Lodge before balloting ?

Bro. A. S. Wait reports on Correspondence, and notices our proceedings for 1887. He has a curious idea of the effect of an edict of non-intercourse :—

" Here, perhaps, is a proper occasion to reiterate what we many years since expressed, that we do not doubt the power of the Grand Lodge to decline fraternal intercourse with a sister Grand Lodge, though we think it should be an extreme case to justify such a step. But we are fully of the opinion that such a determination can only affect the official relations of the two Grand Bodies, and cannot extend to the Masonic status of the membership of their jurisdictions. That is to say, it is not within the legitimate province of a Grand Lodge, because of some conceived affront from another Grand Body, to deny recognition as Masons to all Masons of its obedience, or to prescribe non-recognition between the members of the two, considered as individual Masons."

If this be correct, we are at a loss to know what non-intercourse means. Grand Lodge is only the representative of the Subordinate Lodges and the individual members of such Lodges. Non-intercourse means that the persons against whom the edict is directed are not to be recognized as Masons. It would certainly be an odd state of affairs that we should be forbidden to recognize a Grand Lodge as Masonic

and yet be able to hail as brothers the individual members composing that body.

Bro. Wait is correct in his opposition to the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, and his arguments on that subject are very good.

It is very hard to "condense" Bro. Wait, but we have no space for further extracts from his admirable report, as our Grand Lodge has restricted us to 75 pages.

M. W. Bro. George W. Currier, (Nashua,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. George P. Cleaves, (Concord, G. S.

NEW JERSEY.

102nd Communication, Trenton, January 23rd, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Robert M. Moore, G. M.

Their condition is prosperous and happy, and the Lodges are steadily improving in the work. Eleven District Lodges of Instruction were held. Two new Lodges were formed.

The following were adopted :—

"*Resolved*, That where a waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate is requested by a sister Lodge of this or any other Grand Jurisdiction, a Committee of Investigation must be appointed to ascertain and report to the Lodge as to the worthiness or unworthiness of the candidate, before a vote is taken upon such request."

"*Resolved*, That all correspondence between Lodges of this and sister Grand Jurisdictions relative to requests for waiver of jurisdiction, territorial or penal, or to the advancement of candidates, must be submitted to the Grand Master before action is taken thereon."

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Master shall have power to appoint a private secretary, who shall receive a salary of two hundred dollars per annum."

The Grand Secretary, having completed fifty years of continuous service, received an address and testimonial, consisting of an album and a gold-mounted ebony cane.

The Governor of the State, a Past Master, was appropriately received, and seated in the East.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Vehslage, and notices Canada for 1888.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Mann, (Haddonfield,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, (Trenton,) G. S.

NEW MEXICO.

11th Communication, Santa Fe, Jan. 14th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. W. S. Harroun, G. M.

He instituted two new Lodges, one at Kingston, Sierra County, and the other at Chama, Rio Arriba County. He issued several dispensations allowing joint occupancy of halls, which appears to be a necessity in that Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lecturer reports considerable proficiency and great advancement in several of the Lodges. He is properly conservative in the selection of material, and against undue haste in conferring degrees.

A Committee was appointed to draft resolutions with reference to the permanent location of the Grand Lodge. These resolutions provide for the election of one delegate from each Lodge, who with the Grand Master are to meet and consider the matter and report at next Grand Lodge.

The following report was adopted :—

"The decision of the M. W. Grand Master in the matter of allowing a member of a certain Lodge in this jurisdiction to "withdraw" from the Lodge and have his name erased from the roll of membership, because "he believes the Holy Bible to be a dangerous book, etc., " is one with which your Committee find themselves unable to concur. To allow a member of a Lodge to "withdraw" from the Lodge and have his name erased from the roll of membership would, in effect, send him out to the world an unaffiliated, undemitted Mason. Your Committee believe with the M. W. Grand Master that no man should be permitted to retain his membership, "in an organization, the foundation principles of which he cannot respect," but our Constitution and Laws provide a means by which an unworthy member may be severed from the body of Masonry. This can be accomplished by trial, conviction and expulsion. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that this matter be referred back to the Lodge of which the offending Brother is a member, with instructions to have charges preferred against and served upon him, and that he be tried as provided by our Constitution and Laws for the trial of offenders against Masonic Landmarks."

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Max Frost, Past Grand Master and Grand Lecturer last year. Canada for 1888 receives due notice.

M. W. Bro. A. H. Morehead, (Silver City,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen, (East Las Vegas,) G. S.

NEW YORK.

107th Communication, New York, June 5th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, G. M.

On the benefit of official visits he says :—

" The system of District visitations carried on during the two previous years has been continued, with results which fully justified the effort required. During the past year the Grand Master has visited sixteen of the Districts, including several not thus visited before. It is believed that to bring the brethren generally in contact with those who administer the affairs of the Craft, as well as to facilitate the dissemination of knowledge and an interchange of views upon current topics, these events are infinitely useful ; and it is to be hoped that they may, whenever practicable, be continued in the future.

The throngs of brethren who to this time have continued to attend these visitations, the heartiness with which the Grand Master has everywhere been greeted, and the enthusiasm evoked by the result of our labors, have demonstrated how permanent and deeply-rooted is the interest of the fraternity at large in the objects of our endeavors. Those upon whom the burden has chiefly rested have never failed to derive new strength from the generous encouragement which the Masters, officers and active members of the Lodges have upon every such occasion so freely extended ; and when the way has seemed long and the burden heavy, inspiration to renewed exertion has never failed to come from the knowledge of the sympathy and appreciation of the great body of the Craft."

The Ladies' Association held a Masonic Fair on Nov. 28th, 1887, at which the enormous sum of \$76,352.37 was realized in aid of the fund for building an Asylum. The Grand Master thus speaks of it :—

" To describe the Fair itself is well-nigh impossible. Only those actually upon the spot can fully appreciate its interest and its charm ; and none who took part in it can ever forget its bright and bewildering scene.

The room in which you now assemble was divided into streets and alleys and lanes, which gave access to more than forty bazaars, each a fair in itself ; all filled and over-filled with objects of inexpressible variety, in the bringing together of which labor, skill, ingenuity and expense had been lavished without limit. In the halls without, and even to the topmost corridor, the scene was the same. Rather than a Fair, it was a succession of fairs that the visitor beheld.

For three weeks great throngs of people daily crowded this building to the utmost. From the opening hour until the final close, the interest taken both by the Fraternity and the public never diminished ; and when the close came, not the smallest accident or mischance had occurred, nor had anything taken place to disturb the hearty good feeling which marked the proceedings from the beginning to the end."

He succeeded in further reducing the debt on their Hall by voluntary contributions to the extent of \$103,663.24, making in all that has been raised by him \$335,869.36, and there is a

reasonable prospect that the debt will be all discharged during the next year.

The Special Committee on the address say :—

“ We do most earnestly recommend a careful perusal of this able and interesting address by the entire Craft, and the glorious work of which it treats, the grand results accomplished, the brilliant future which it predicts, and the gratifying fact that before the close of the present calendar year the gigantic debt which has for over fifteen years nearly paralyzed Masonry in this jurisdiction will be a thing of the past, and when this Grand Lodge meets again it will be free from debt, with a sound surplus ready to erect that great institution which is so near the heart of every true Mason, namely: An asylum for indigent Masons, their widows and orphans, at the same time reminding the brethren that these glorious results and present prosperous condition of Masonry in this state is owing to the bold, fearless and untiring persistency of our able and eloquent Grand Master.”

All the officers were unanimously re-elected.

The Committee on antiquities presented their second annual report, with a list of articles received during the year.

The historian, R. W. Bro. Charles T. McClenaghan, presented as the result of his labor during the year, the first volume of the “ History of Freemasonry in New York.” The price was fixed at \$1.50 per volume, and one copy is to be presented to each Grand Lodge.

An amendment was proposed to allow the Districts to select their District Deputies instead of their being appointed by the Grand Master, as is the case at present. This amendment was lost, the committee taking strong ground that it would lead to wire-pulling and log-rolling and that the Grand Master would be responsible for his Deputies although he would not have their appointment. We have the elective system here and it works well in general, although there have been cases where the tactics of the ward politician have been introduced, with the usual evil results.

The report on correspondence is again by Bro. John W. Simons, but we have since received the mournful intelligence that he is dead. Bro. Simons was Grand Master in 1860 and for eleven years thereafter, he was Grand Treasurer. He was the only one since Dewitt Clinton, who held the Chief Offices in the three Grand Bodies in New York, and for many years he was Chairman of Correspondence. He was probably the

best known of Masonic writers and his numerous works on Jurisprudence have been quoted as high authority for some time.

Under "Florida," he says :—

" We note that, upon investigation, it was found that the Grand Lodge had been incorporated as far back as 1843, and referring to what we said last year, we respectfully suggest to our Florida brethren and others desiring a like entanglement that, in the first place, the incorporation does not seem to have been of any striking benefit, since its very existence was forgotten ; and hence that nothing has been gained in the way of holding title to property that might not just as well have been reached by incorporating Trustees, while there remains the disability of being liable to suits at law before the courts ; one phase of which may readily be imagined in the case of any brother who, feeling himself aggrieved for any cause whatever, may seek his remedy in the courts rather than in the Lodge or Grand Lodge, thus transforming the Grand Lodge from a sovereign and independent body to a ward of the state, and liable to be called to account for its Masonic doings and the execution of its own laws before the civil courts.

That nothing of the kind has happened is no reason why there should be permanent exemption from such troubles, and were we a resident of Florida, we should never rest until this anomalous state of things had been cured by a surrender of the act of incorporation."

Canada for 1887 receives a good notice.

From his notice of the Grand Lodge League of Germany we quote :—

" A German periodical gives as total number of Freemasons in Germany, forty-four thousand and sixteen in three hundred and sixty-four Lodges, and says that, apparently, Freemasonry is mostly propagated in the sea-ports of Northern Germany. In the city of Lubeck are, among ten thousand inhabitants, eighty-two Masons ; in Hamburg, fifty-four ; in Bremen, forty-five ; Berlin has twenty-nine ; Duchy of Anhalt, twenty-three ; Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg, nineteen ; Prussian Province Saxony, sixteen ; Thuringa, fifteen ; Brunswick, fourteen ; Wurtemburg and Bavaria, each three ; Grand Duchy of Baden, four ; Alsace-Lorraine, two among ten thousand inhabitants. The number of Lodges is the largest in the Prussian Province Silesia, where thirty exist ; in the Province of Brandenburg are thirty-five ; in the Prussian Province Saxony, twenty-seven ; in the Rhinish Prussian Provinces, twenty-five ; in the kingdom of Saxony, eighteen ; in the Prussian Province Hessen-Nassau, sixteen ; in Mecklenburg, thirteen ; in Hamburg, fourteen Lodges. We cannot guarantee the correctness of this statement.

In conclusion, we remark that the German Grand Lodge League (constituted in 1872), under the protectorate of "Emperor Wilhelm," consists of the eight German Grand Lodges ; its organ, or rather executive, is the Grand Lodge Diet, which is composed of the eight Grand Masters and two members to be elected by each Grand Lodge from the Master Masons of the jurisdiction. The yearly meetings take place at Whitsuntide alternately at the seat of the Grand Lodges. The Archive is deposited with the Grand Lodge, "Three Globes," at Berlin. Under the supervision of the Grand Lodge Diet is the "Victoria Institute," a benevolent institute which is described in former reports of our foreign correspondence. This

"Victoria Institute" has its bank account with one of the Berlin banks, and its treasurer is Brother Schnoesenberg, Berlin, S. W. No. 29, Lindenstrasse.

Emperor Wilhelm was not the only imperial brother in the chain of the German Fraternity. Emperor Francis I. was also a zealous and true member of the Masonic Brotherhood. He received, as Duke of Lorraine, the first degree, May 14, 1731, when twenty-three years old, at the Hague, being then initiated by a delegation of the Grand Lodge of England, headed by the Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Desaquiliers. The English Grand Master, Bro. Lovel, gave him the second and third degree in London in the same year. Married in 1736 to the Empress Maria Theresa, as Prince Consort, and made in 1740 Regent; he was elected, 1745, German Emperor. The Lodge "to the Three Canons" at Vienna, of which Francis I. was an active member, elected him several times as Master, and was very much indebted to him for his effective defence against the fiendish attacks of the clerical party, and the whole Catholic priesthood."

And on the Grand Orient of the Netherlands:—

"From the "Year Book" we ascertain that this Grand Body, founded December 26, 1756, has eighty-five Subordinate Lodges, of which forty-nine are in Europe, with three thousand and sixty members, twenty-three at the Cape of Good Hope, thirteen in other colonies, with about four thousand three hundred and ninety-eight members. Deputy and Provincial Grand Masters are: Bro. Derkinderen, at Batavia; Bro. A. J. Jessurun, at Surinam; Bro. P. J. Beaujon, at Curacao; Bro. J. H. Homejer, at Capetown. A map appended to the "Year Book," of 1887, shows the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and gives very plain and conspicuously the seats of the Subordinate Lodges in the several towns, with enumeration of the number of members in each Lodge.

The "Bulletin's" first section contains three circular letters of the National Grand Master, directed to the Subordinate Lodges, relating to internal and domestic matters only. The second section has very elaborate reports on the "Louisa Institute," a benevolent institution, devoted to the whole Fraternity of the Jurisdiction. This institution was founded in 1869, is located at the Hague, and we find in the report of the "Bulletin" very interesting items of its efficiency and administration. The third section has nothing but internal matters and recommendations directed to the Subordinate Lodges, and of course of no general interest.

Another benevolent institution besides the "Louisa Institute," "The Widow and Orphan Fund's Administration," comprises also the Jurisdiction, and the whole Fraternity of the Netherlands is entitled to its benefits, the "Year Book" giving also a report of its activity. We have further to state that nearly every Subordinate Lodge has its private benevolent institutions for the members and their families. Statements of amounts of these Lodge funds and of the disbursements are not given."

M. M. Bro. Frank R. Lawrence, (New York,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. E. M. L. Ehlers, (New York,) G. S.

NORTH CAROLINA.

102nd Communication, Raleigh, January 8th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Robinson, G. M.

Their general progress has been satisfactory. The Grand Master favors the appointment of District Deputies and the abolition of the system of Grand Lecturers. He formed six new Lodges. He has the following remarks on their Orphan Asylum, and they contain food for reflection by those who are contemplating similar erections.

"I come now to this subject—nearest to the heart of every true Mason. The report of the Superintendent will inform you of its situation now, the work of the past year, its increased efficiency and usefulness, its crowded condition, its happy life and its progress towards becoming more self-sustaining.

We now have to look some facts in the face as they rise up before us. We have the honor of establishing the first Orphan Asylum in the State. It has so recommended itself that our example is followed. We should be proud of this, and it should stimulate us to renewed exertion. But it must cause us to consider what it means. It means probably the establishment of an Orphan Asylum by each prominent religious denomination in the State. Alluding to this last year in my address, I said: "there is room for all, need for all, and God's blessing will be upon all." I say so now.

There are thousands of orphans and they need homes and training. The result of the establishment of denominational Asylums, however, must be to diminish our resources, to some extent. The support of their own Asylums will devolve on the Churches, and to members of these Churches giving to its denominational Asylum will become a duty, while contributions to ours will become a charity. I believe there are hundreds of Church members, who, while sustaining their own Asylums, will continue to support ours, but we must prepare to expect some falling off in consequence of inability of some to do as much as heretofore. We have ample grounds, a beautiful situation, and the testimony of the years past to the faithfulness of the work. We have the endorsement and contribution of the State. We have fully repaid her by taking her homeless children of any denomination—alas too often of *no* denomination—and have fed and clothed them, instructed them in lessons necessary for this life, and for the life beyond this world, and have made them useful men and women. The State has made a good investment, and will continue to do so.

It becomes our duty to take counsel together and determine wisely for the future of this Asylum, that no step backward may be taken, but that it may go on to increasing usefulness."

It was decided to divide the State into eight Districts, and that the Grand Master should appoint District Deputies and one Grand Lecturer. Only actual expenses to be paid to these appointees.

The Grand Lodge dues were increased from fifty cents to sixty cents per capita per annum.

The Grand Lodge requested the Craft to give more attention to the Adoptive Rites for the ladies.

The Report on Correspondence is by Bro. Eugene S. Martin, and notices Canada for 1888.

M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Smith, (Winston,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, (Raleigh,) G. S.

NOVA SCOTIA.

23rd Communication, Halifax, June 6th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Lewis Johnstone, G. M.

After opening, the Grand Lodge, headed by the band of the 63rd Volunteer Battalion, proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where Divine Service was performed by several reverend brethren.

The Grand Master reports having suspended a Master who had initiated a candidate who was physically disqualified by the loss of the left arm. He legalized an election by an *ex post facto* exercise of his prerogative as Grand Master. There is evidently no modern theory business about him.

We also notice that he laid the corner stone of the new bank of Nova Scotia at Amherst, at the request of the authorities of that institution. This action is open to criticism. A bank is not an edifice appropriated to religious, educational, charitable or Masonic purposes, nor is it a building belonging to the public in any way. We think it would be well to draw the line somewhere, and we have always understood that private buildings should not be honored in this way.

The practice of balloting for advancement to the second or third degrees is not warranted by their Constitution. The following report and resolutions were adopted :—

"The decisions of the M. W. G. Master will meet with the hearty endorsement of Grand Lodge, as will also his exercise of his prerogative in all the cases which the M. W. Grand Master has mentioned—especially in regard to the suspension of the late W. Master of Charity Lodge, Mahone Bay, for his flagrant act in daring to initiate into the mysteries of Masonry a candidate physically disqualified by the loss of the left arm—after objection made.

Your Committee feel that it will be well for Grand Lodge to take some special action, not only for the purpose of signifying its cordial endorsement of the Grand Master's act, but also in order that all who read the proceedings of this Grand Lodge may be warned never similarly to transgress. Your Committee would express their surprise that the late Master

of Charity Lodge did not make it convenient to obey the Grand Master's summons to attend at this Communication of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That W. Bro. Burgoyne, of Charity Lodge, be suspended from all Masonic privileges till the next Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge ; and

Resolved further, That Charity Lodge be censured for its action in sustaining the action of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge ; and that this decision of Grand Lodge be forthwith communicated to Bro. Burgoyne and Charity Lodge."

They have 67 Lodgers and 2,837 members. 160 initiations.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. David C. Moore, and notices Canada for 1887.

M. W. Bro. Rev. David C. Moore, (Stellarton,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, D. C. L., (Halifax,) G. S.

OHIO.

79th Communication, Toledo, October 23rd, 1888.

M. W. Bro. S. Stacker Williams, G. M.

He formed three new Lodges.

They have had trouble in Ohio for several years with what are called the "Cerneau" Bodies of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. These Bodies are declared illegal and clandestine by the other branch of the Scottish Rite, and the Grand Lodge of Ohio, has also declared them irregular and unmasonic and has forbidden all its members from belonging to them. The Grand Master says that this Order has been very generally observed, but in a few Lodges, officers have been elected who belong to the Interdicted Bodies, and the Grand Master suspended Proceedings under these elections. The situation was accepted and his authority was respected in all but two Lodges.

The Committee on Jurisprudence considered the subject under four heads :—

" 1. Did the Grand Master have any authority in Masonic law for his actions in the premises ?

2. If so, was this authority properly exercised in each given case ?

3. What motive or spirit prompted a resort to the civil courts of the State by certain Lodges, and what is the effect on our Fraternity of these injunction cases ?

4. What action, if any, should now be taken by this Grand Lodge in each of the given cases ?

On the first head, after quoting authorities, they conclude:—

"The Grand Master has the undoubted power, and in many cases it is his duty, to forbid the installation of elected officers, until the charges against them can be duly investigated.

The inherent power of the Grand Master must be preserved in all its original vigor. He stands superior to the Lodge, and the latter must obey his authority, respect his order, yield to his objection, and comply with his requirements, made in the discharge of his official duty.

If a Subordinate Lodge, officer, or member thereof feels aggrieved, it or he must come for redress to this Grand Lodge. In our Order, as well as in all institutions, judicial and executive, sovereignty, so far as its votaries are concerned, must, from necessity, reside somewhere. With us it resides in this Grand Lodge. During vacation it abides with the Grand Master, subject, however, to be reviewed by this Grand Body, *and by this Grand Body only.*"

On the second head they found that the facts warranted the action of the Grand Master and recommend that the same be approved.

On the third head, they conclude:—

"Your Committees are therefore constrained to find that the members or Lodges who brought these actions were actuated by no desire to redress any wrong, but in pursuance of a settled plan to aid the interdicted Cerneaus in their warfare against legitimate Masonry."

On the fourth head, they recommend that the charters of three Lodges be arrested, and these Lodges stricken from the roll.

This report was adopted by a vote of 673 to 318.

The following was also adopted:—

"Whereas, This Grand Lodge, at its Annual Communication in October, 1887, declared the Bodies calling themselves "The Ancient Accepted Rite for the United States of America, its Territories and Dependencies," and commonly called the "*Cerneau Rite*," to be "irregular, illegal, and unmasonic," and that they "ought not to be countenanced or recognized in any manner by Brethren under obedience to this Grand Lodge;" and

Whereas, Brethren subordinate to the authority of this Grand Lodge are still selling and conferring the Cerneau and other degrees, pronounced to be irregular, to Master Masons in this Jurisdiction, and are thereby violating the laws of this Grand Body: therefore,

Be it Resolved, That any Mason subordinate to the authority of this Grand Lodge, who shall hereafter take, or receive, or communicate, or be present at, or assist any one to take or apply for said degrees, or any of them, shall be subject, after due trial under the Code, to *expulsion* from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

Five hundred dollars were voted to the Grand Master and the cordial thanks of the Grand Lodge to Bro. John D. Cald-

well, who retired from the Grand Secretaryship after many years service.

Bro. W. M. Cunningham, reports on Correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Leander Burdick, (Toledo,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. J. H. Bromwell, (Cincinnati,) G. S.

OREGON.

38th Communication, Portland, June 13th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Andrew Nasburg, G. M.

In the opening of his address he says:—

"I heartily congratulate you upon the prosperous condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction, and upon the advancement our young state has made in the last year in all branches of industry. We have reason to return thanks to the Ruler and Preserver of the universe for an abundant harvest and the manifold blessings bestowed upon us as a people and a nation."

The influx of immigration has never been greater in the history of our state than within the last twelve months; and before long all the available vacant land in the northwest will be occupied and, it is to be hoped, converted into comfortable, contented and happy homes.

Since the last communication of this Grand Lodge, one of the most important events has transpired—that of driving the last spike in the Oregon & California railway, connecting the cities of San Francisco and Portland by rail, as well as furnishing the state with another competing transcontinental transportation line."

He formed three new Lodges. He commends the course of a Lodge in trying to reconcile differences between brethren.

A proposed amendment to increase the dues from one dollar to one dollar and twenty-five cents was rejected.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. S. F. Chadwick. Canada for 1887 is well noticed. He commends our financial system and our practical benevolence.

On the question of Indians becoming Masons, he has the following in reply to Bro. Wait, of New Hampshire:—

"Our Brother W. thinks, because we said, "Indians in Oregon are not regarded as material in any sense," that our ritual should read, "that Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, all but Indians, who must remain at a perpetual distance." We desire to add, that it is not necessary to change the ritual in the letter, the spirit of it is its life. There is not an Indian Mason on the Pacific slope that we are aware of. They do not associate with the whites, and have no interests in common with them. Our Indians are divided into different tribes. The so-called "Tarhead" would understand Masonry no better than a hedge-hog, and this class is about as numerous as any other. These are coast Indians, and live below the surface of the ground in covered pits during winter."

Their food is principally fish, the older the better. Blubber of the whale makes a feast for them. The only degree they could take would be that which Utah has abolished, with its variations. There are other classes of Indians that are higher in the scale of civilization, but they are Indians after all. I may better illustrate the case by referring to Indian schools established in Oregon and other places by the general government. These schools are supplied with a few pupils from Indian tribes from California to Alaska. We have a general average. It has not been our pleasure to view these schools in a very flattering light. The boys and girls learn very well. There are many who make fair musicians, and in a very few instances the girls sing quite well. The boys have instruments and form into bands and discourse very good music. They play baseball well, even to the smallest "kids," as they are called. They speak fair English after a while, but lack force or purpose. They do not realize the benefit of an education, unless they intend to teach. When thus employed they do fairly well, but when left to themselves after leaving school they return, in almost all cases, to their tribes. The Indian in them is uppermost all the time. These are specimens of the general Indian character here. We have seen chiefs who would come nearer being material. Even they could not be made intelligent Masons. Their tribes could not and would not adopt anything of the kind. There would be too much conflict of jurisdiction, and not a whit of brotherly love. We have seen all sorts of Indians on this coast, but we have never seen one who could be made a Mason. There are half-breeds who are not subject to these objections. One we know to be a Mason. He was educated at Harvard, we believe; studied medicine and returned here quite a skilful physician. We know of no other who is a Mason. Our Indians, we regret to say, have not the attractions of your eastern Indians, or of the Choctaws. There is no poetry in our natives. We have no Pocahontas, nor have we the Mohicans. Civilization does nothing to benefit our Indians in the main. Our reservations are run by different religious sects, but, when it is all summed up, they do no more than to keep order and feed and clothe the Indians. We would not take from the credit due that portion that follow farming on reservations. Some in eastern Oregon raise grain and vegetables. They have fairly comfortable houses for themselves. But they have no social relations as we have, and do not take to those things that make up society.

Brother Wait, if you could see the Indians in California, Oregon and the north, including Alaska, you would find few, if any, that would be suitable material.

As we have said, the eastern idea of an Indian flattens out to nothing when it comes to this coast. Cooper, had he lived here, would have found but little in Indian life and habits to have given him opportunity to portray Indian character in the glowing terms that he did that of the aboriginal inhabitants of New York and New England.

We used to spend a little time in visiting, with the multitude, the grounds of the young basket makers, as they made their annual pilgrimage through New England towns. Then we thought—we were quite young—some of them were really handsome, and they certainly were quite ingenious. But in no respect have their equals ever been found on this coast.

Our Indians have their country and tribal limits. Indians here are not slaves, but are wards of the government. They have no sects nor have they opinions above their condition of purchased or forced servitude. Hence, the ritual can not well include these Indians when it says that "Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion." We wish they were material. There may be Indians found who would be good material.

Some years before the war there was a little newspaper started in a town on the lower Mississippi, that had a prospectus which read "that all men were created free and equal except negroes." Our Constitution, it was thought then, did not include them, but it has received an interpretation since which gives the negro his opportunity to become a useful citizen. But, no revolution can fit our Indians for Masonry."

M. W. Bro. Jacob Mayer, (Portland,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Frelon J. Babcock, (Salem,) G. S.

PENNSYLVANIA.

At the Quarterly Communication held on June 6th, 1888, the Committee of Past Grand Masters appointed to consider the matter of the recognition of bodies commonly known as "Cerneau" Masons, presented an interesting report, and the resolutions accompanying it were unanimously approved:—

"Shall this Grand Lodge recognize as in and of Freemasonry a body of men, of unquestioned integrity, claiming to be Freemasons of high degree, who seek within this Jurisdiction to establish and multiply their organization ?

Your Committee will not enter upon the discussion of the legitimacy of either branch of the organizations claiming power to confer high degrees. It is foreign to what is held and taught by this Grand Lodge, and wholly unnecessary in the view taken by the Committee. But if it is correct, as was stated by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, that a body of men, Masons, seek to introduce, or have introduced, into this Jurisdiction an organization which claims the right to confer the Ancient Degrees of Freemasonry, then a decent self-respect requires our earnest denial of any such right, and uncompromising hostility to the incoming of such organization.

Your Committee submit the following:—

Resolved, That if, as alleged, the organization known as the Consistory of the Cerneau Rite claims the power, or authority, or right to confer the three degrees of Ancient Freemasonry, it is not consistent with the duty of members of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge to seek or retain membership in that organization.

Resolved, That the permission by a subordinate Lodge for the use of its place of meeting for the practice of the Cerneau Rite, or for any other purpose than the one recognized as Masonic, is unauthorized and improper.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expressly declines to enter upon any discussion of the history, use, or legitimacy of any body claiming to confer what is known as the high degrees in Freemasonry, or to be committed to the recognition of any such body as being Masonic, or as identified with or a part of Ancient Craft Masonry."

The Annual Communication was held December 27th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Eichbaum, G. M.

The Craft is in a very prosperous condition and the applicants for admission are carefully scrutinized. None of the Lodge rooms are being used as places of meeting by the

"Cerneau" bodies, and but very few of their members are connected therewith.

Bro. Richard Vaux has an excellent Report on Correspondence, covering 240 pages. He is in favor of the abolition of the Past Masters' degree and against the public installation of Officers :—

"We think the "*Past Master's Degree*", may no longer be regarded as requiring further notice. It is an excrescence at best, that either disfigures or deforms the true ritualistic ceremonial of the subordinate Lodges. As it is not permitted to write fully the reasons, which would involve matters that are not to be cried out from the house-top, we conclude all further reference to this subject. As a parting word we feel it proper to remark that a dismembered or deformed body cannot be admitted into Freemasonry, and the body of a ceremony cut in half is within the exclusion."

On the subject of the *public installation* of officers of Lodges, we have fully explained our views. All criticism of them that we have read rests on that special pleading called in profane jurisprudence "confession and avoidance." It is approved, when approved, because it is,—and why it is? is answered that it is a sort of rule. We have yet met with no argument in favor of the innovation which pretends to defend it, as within the strict letter of either Masonic law or Landmark."

In his notice of Canada for 1888 he makes a distinction between "lawful" and "legal." It is too fine for us.

M. W. Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, (Philadelphia,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Michael Nisbet, (Philadelphia,) G. S.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

13th Communication, Charlottetown, June 26th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. John Yeo, G. M.

Ten Lodges represented out of twelve on the roll.

They have 495 members, an increase of 36.

A motion against public installations was lost.

The Grand Lecturer's expenses in visiting Subordinate Lodges are to be paid by Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master has continuously held his position since the organization of the Grand Lodge, thirteen years ago, and was again re-elected, although he asked to be relieved.

M. W. Bro. John Yeo, (Port Hill,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. B. Wilson Higgs, (Charlottetown,) G. S.

QUEBEC.

19th Communication, Montreal, January 30th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, G. M.

Our Grand Master, M. W. Bro. R. T. Walkem, was present and was received with all the honors, to which he suitably responded.

Grand Master Robinson during part of the year, was incapacitated by severe illness. He returns thanks for the kindness he received from Masons in the Southern States during his illness. He reports the Craft as progressive, their membership now reaching 2,820. On the mediation with England, he says :—

"The Grand Lodge of Canada (in the Province of Ontario), at its last Annual Communication, in a kind and fraternal spirit which this Grand Lodge fully understands and appreciates, authorized its Grand Master to offer his mediation both to England and Quebec. M. W. Bro. Walkem, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, accepted the position, and, under the authority of the resolution of this Grand Lodge, just quoted, your Grand Master and Grand Secretary have considered the proposition made, and have accepted the mediatorial offer.

That distinguished Brother hopes to visit England during the present year, and from his high character as a man and a Mason, his eminent position at the Bar of his Province, his comprehension of the points of difference, and his fraternal desire to arrange those differences, it will be seen that no better mediator could have been selected. There is also the additional reason, not without its weight in such an effort to terminate our disputes with England, that the Grand Lodge of Canada, as our Mother Grand Lodge, is the fittest mediator in this matter with the Grand Lodge of England, which was its Mother Grand Lodge.

The selection of such an intermediary is in the highest degree judicious and appropriate.

In view of this offer, and with a desire to strengthen the hands of M. W. Brother Walkem in mediating, I would suggest that Grand Lodge at this Communication should authorize and empower my successor in office, the Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, to suspend or even withdraw the edicts of this Grand Lodge against the Grand Lodge of England and its Lodges, whenever advised or requested so to do by Grand Master Walkem. In his judgment and good will we have a sufficient guarantee that the advisory power thus given him will be judiciously employed; and this action from us may facilitate the efforts he may make to accomplish successfully his mission."

The following resolution was then adopted unanimously :—

"That with regard to that part of the Grand Master's Address which refers to the withdrawal of the edicts of this G. L. heretofore issued against the Grand Lodge of England and the Lodges in this city adhering thereto, this Grand Lodge fully recognizes the necessity of strengthening the hands of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario in his mediation between this Grand Lodge and the said Grand

Lodge of England and her Lodges, and hereby authorizes the M. Wor. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, who may be in office at any time, at the request of M. Wor. Bro. Walkem, to withdraw the said edicts, and that the remainder of said address be referred to "The Committee on the State of Masonry," to be reported on as soon as possible."

The remarks of M. W. Bro. Walkem were received with profound attention and he received thanks for the interest he and his Grand Lodge had manifested in the interest of Quebec.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. E. T. D. Chambers and gives our proceedings for 1888 a very good notice.

M. W. Bro. Isaac H. Stearns, (Montreal,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. John H. Isaacson, (Montreal,) G. S.

RHODE ISLAND.

98th Communication, Providence, May 21st, 1888.

M. W. Bro. William N. Ackley, G. M.

Among the deaths of the year were two Past Grand Masters, the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Tyler. Bro. George H. Kenyon was recognized as the representative of Canada, in place of Past Grand Master Ariel Ballou, deceased. The Grand Master made 33 official visitations and found everything favorable. On the convention of Grand Masters, he says:—

"It was with much regret that I found myself unable to attend the Convention of Present and Past Grand Masters held in Chicago last June. While such gatherings can have only moral force, they cannot fail to be of great value in this very direction, and more especially as tending to quicken the feeling of kindred among the different Jurisdictions, and helping the Fraternity to realize the sublime fact that, while as Masons, we represent separate legislative bodies and households, yet we are one undivided body of Brethren."

The Committee on the Webb Monument, which has been in position for 30 years, found it in good condition and report no necessity for a new one to replace it.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Ordered, That the Grand Secretary, all Secretaries of Subordinate Lodges and all Masons under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are forbidden to furnish lists of the members of this Grand Lodge or its Subordinate Lodges to any person, whether he be a Mason or not, whom it is believed intends to use said list in connection with his or any other person's business."

The estate of Past Grand Master Ballou donated to the Grand Lodge \$100, to cover all expenses incurred in attending his funeral at Woonsocket. The estate of Past Grand Master

"Father" Hutchison donated to the Grand Lodge two shares of Freemasons' Hall Corporation. The thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to the several donors.

The estate of Grand Tyler White presented a cheque for \$166, which had been bequeathed to the Grand Lodge by him. It was the amount donated to him by the Grand Lodge some time since and he desired to return it. The Grand Lodge accepted and immediately voted the same amount to his widow.

M. W. Bro. Rev. William N. Ackley, (Warren,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker, (Providence,) G. S.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

112th Communication, Charleston, December 11th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Andrew H. White, G. M.

He reports peace and harmony, but the failure of the crops in some parts of the State has possibly hindered the prosperity of some of the Lodges. He formed two new Lodges. He visited several of the Lodges and believes that more attention should be paid to the social features of Masonry, as tending to revive and keep up the interest in the meetings more than anything else.

The following report was adopted :—

" As to the communication from M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, referred to us by the Grand Secretary, your Committee beg leave to suggest :

That we as Blue Lodge Masons under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge know of nothing else save the three symbolic degrees under the Jurisdiction of this M. W. Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore are of the opinion that no body of Masons styled by any other name, can assume authority over the degrees as conferred in a Subordinate Lodge or Grand Lodge, wheresoever located.

We therefore recommend that this Grand Lodge declare themselves in full sympathy with the action of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, with reference to Cerneau Masonry as shown by the circular from said Grand Lodge."

Our Representative, R. W. Bro. A. Doty, was present and was elected Grand Senior Warden. He was also appointed to act as Master of a Past Masters' Lodge, to be opened at the close of the meeting, for the purpose of conferring that degree

upon certain brethren who had not been able to receive it at their installation.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. He has a good notice of Canada for 1888. He supposed that every Grand Lodge requires a unanimous ballot for candidates for initiation. With us, two black balls are required, except in cases where the By-laws of the Lodge require a unanimous ballot, and most of our Lodges have By-laws to that effect.

M. W. Bro. R. F. Divver, (Anderson,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, (Charleston,) G. S.

TENNESSEE.

75th Communication, Nashville, January 30th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Henry H. Ingersoll, G. M.

On the state of the Order he says :—

“ An abstract of the returns from the Subordinate Lodges shows the condition of the Craft to be more prosperous in 1889 than for many preceding years. There is an increase over former years in the number of degrees conferred, and the number of affiliations, and a decrease in dimissions. The consequence is an increase in Grand Lodge dues and in remittances.

This improved condition of the Craft is attributable to the general prosperity of the country, and also, doubtless, to the general appreciation of the fact that the insurance fraternities, however useful and inviting, are not and can never become substitutes for the grand old parent Order of Freemasons, instituted to recall to our minds, in the midst of innocent, social pleasures, the sublime truths founded on Liberality, Brotherly Love and Charity ; to teach men that happiness is the greatest good, and that the surest way to be happy is by making others so. To every true Brother, therefore, this exhibit of the prosperity of the Order is highly gratifying.”

The Grand Master wished to appoint as their representative to Ohio some brother who was opposed to the policy of the dominant majority in that State in the matter of the Cerneau Scottish Rite, and the Grand Master of Ohio refused to do so, and on this subject the Committee on Jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, say :—

“ Your Committee are impressed with the serious nature of the unfortunate controversy which has arisen between the Grand Master of Ohio and the Grand Master of Tennessee with regard to the interchange of Grand Representatives, and, while declining to discuss the expediency of the inauguration of the controversy so much to be regretted, and while earnestly deplored that such a condition of affairs should exist, we cannot but feel, after carefully studying the correspondence, that the Grand Master of Tennessee has truly reflected the sentiments and wishes of the Masons of this Jurisdiction in insisting that he who shall be commissioned

as *our* Representative shall be one who is willing to ignore the strifes of outside organizations, and to preserve unbroken the integrity, peace and good will which should, and we trust will, ever prevail in the great Brotherhood of Ancient Craft Masonry.

The three degrees of our beloved Fraternity—Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason—comprising all over which the Grand Lodge claims Jurisdiction and over which its right of supreme control it will ever maintain, embrace within their triple lines all which concerns our welfare. Let us not be drawn unwillingly into disputes which may arise between organizations of which we have no legal knowledge, and in which, except as reluctant spectators of their troubles, we have no interest.

In Tennessee, God willing, we are determined that no such strife shall disturb our councils. Standing thus firmly upon that determination as our sure foundation of safety, we are of the opinion that those who may be selected and commissioned as the Representatives of the Masons of Tennessee, even in those Grand Jurisdictions where such unfortunate controversy may exist, shall be of like convictions with ourselves. This being so, and the Grand Master of Ohio being unwilling that any but a partisan in the struggle in which his Jurisdiction is unfortunately involved, shall hold *our* Commission and receive courteous and fraternal reception from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, it would be undignified that we should insist, and still less true to our own convictions and self respect that we should consent to the appointment of one, however otherwise worthy, who would in so important an issue hold opinions at variance with our own.

Much as we regret, therefore, the apparent rupture of those official courtesies which have so long and so pleasantly passed between these two distinguished Grand Bodies, we feel that we must be content to abide the decision made by the Grand Master of Ohio until such time as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of that distinguished Grand Jurisdiction shall determine to seek a renewal of those relations which have ever been so highly prized and gladly reciprocated on our part. In the meantime, let us resolve that nothing shall disturb the cordiality which we trust will ever exist between the brethren of the Craft, whether Ohio or Tennessee claims their allegiance—let us, at all times “meet upon the level and part upon the square,” and in no way feel that any grievance subsists between those who we hope may ever be able to meet about a common altar.”

Bro. Frank M. Smith submits his report on Correspondence “To the reading Masons of Tennessee.” Canada for 1888 receives a good notice. On the Negro question he says:—

“The negro question is not giving the Masonic fraternity of the South any trouble. We can take care of ourselves on that score. There are negroes here that are *Masons*, so-called. There are Masonic Lodges, so-called, for the Brother in black all over this section of the Union. No member of the Masonic fraternity ever pays any attention to these colored Masons, so-called, nor will any attempt ever be made to find out anything about these colored Masons, so-called. Again, we can take care of ourselves on that question.”

He is sound on the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction, and thus records his opposition thereto:—

“The term “good common sense” is often used. How to apply that, it seems to me, good common sense will say that when a Lodge rejects an applicant for the degrees, that should be an end of the matter. The idea

of saying "he is our rejected material" should be discarded. If you reject him he is not your *material* in any sense. I may as well say, when offered an orange at the dinner table, "that I do not want an orange to-day, but this is my 'rejected material,' and you must put it away and not let anyone else eat it." The orange is put away and decays.

So long as the rejected material resides in the jurisdiction of the Lodge where rejected, he cannot, of course, petition any other Lodge, but when he removes to the jurisdiction of another Lodge, or to another grand jurisdiction, then the Lodge that rejected him has, or should have, no control over him."

M. W. Bro. John T. Williamson, (Columbia,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, (Nashville,) G. S.

TEXAS.

53rd Communication, Houston, December 11th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Anson Rainey, G. M.

While their condition is flourishing, he thinks they have too many poor and weak Lodges as well as luke-warm brethren, and that brethren are too anxious to organize a Lodge before conditions are favorable. He formed ten new Lodges. We presume that the conditions were all favorable in these cases. He decided that it was an ancient custom to preside "covered," and that it must be complied with. We wonder how ancient this custom is. We have no trace of it here.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized.

Lodges were forbidden to hold Masonic communication with the "Superior Grand Orient of Mexico," and the Grand Master was authorized to appoint a competent brother to investigate the state of Mexican Masonry, and report at next meeting.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Thomas M. Matthews, and covers no less than 297 pages. Canada for 1887 and 1888 receives due attention. Under the head of Mexico, he says:—

"Masonry in our sister Republic is apparently making gratifying and permanent progress, notwithstanding the bitter antagonism of the Church of Rome and its adherents. The York Rite appears to be now firmly established. New Lodges are being instituted in all parts of the country and Grand Lodges are being formed in each state when there are found to be a sufficient number of Lodges therein to warrant such formation. We

cannot say that universal harmony prevails, for in some instances dissensions have arisen which there is reason to believe have been more or less fomented by the adherents of the Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite. Be that as it may, the calm judgment and evidently strong desire of the great majority of our Mexican brethren to have a representative government for symbolic Masonry, will probably soon dispose of the irreconcilables."

M. W. Bro. William S. Fly, (Gonzales,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. William F. Swain, (Houston,) G. S.

UTAH.

18th Communication, Salt Lake, January 15th, 1889.

M. W. Bro. Samuel Paul, G. M.

All the seven Lodges in the Jurisdiction were represented.

One Lodge surrendered its charter.

In this Territory they are surrounded by an element antagonistic to Masonry, and their efforts to advance are thereby retarded.

In the Grand Secretary's report we find :—

"The harvest in the Masonic field in Utah did not yield as much fruit as it promised at the beginning of the year. The early spring months were very encouraging, the weather was fine, and it looked as if we could garner plenty, but all at once a frost came and nipped the blossoms, causing another off-year. Besides having lost one Lodge, our numerical strength has again decreased. My last report exhibited 462 members, the present one only 458, being a loss of four members."

He predicts that if Utah is admitted as a State, there will be no room for the Masonic edifice in the new kingdom :—

"Masonry and Mormonism can never occupy the same soil. The one is for light and progress, the other wants to go back to the dark ages. Up to this time Masonry has not yielded an inch to the hierarchical powers that be in this fair territory, but if it should become a state in its present condition, the odds would be so much against our Lodges that they would be forced to surrender their charters. The Grand Lodge could then dissolve and every true Mason in Utah hunt for "greener fields and pastures new."

We hope he is mistaken. Masonry has secured a good foothold there, and although the circumstances may be trying, we trust they may continue in the good work, and with further accessions they may present a united front, and be as Masons always have been, a bulwark against fanaticism and tyranny in all its phases.

That Bro. Diehl has not lost all hope is evident from the fact

that he strongly urges the building of a new hall and more assistance for his Grand Lodge library, of which he is so justly proud.

The new Grand Lodge of New South Wales was recognized, and the following resolution adopted :—

“ That the Grand Lodge of Utah is in hearty sympathy with the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Ohio in sustaining its Grand Master, and will ever sustain and sympathize with all efforts of our Sister Grand Lodges to defend and uphold the pure and simple principles of Freemasonry as handed down to us by our fathers, disowning to the fullest extent of our power all innovations of whatever name or nature in the body of Masonry.”

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and notices Canada for 1888. On the right of a visitor to inspect the warrant, he says :—

“ Probably no member of the Committee desires our opinion on that point, and we are not going to offer it for its future guide, but we do want to state right here that we consider it one of the greatest farces in Masonry we know of. Many times have we smiled when we were appointed by our Masters to examine visitors, previous to which they demanded an inspection of our Lodge Charter, because we saw they looked at it as the traveler in Egypt looks at the sphinx. They never saw our Grand Lodge seal before, the signatures of our Grand Lodge Officers were to them hieroglyphics, and all they beheld was a piece of old and much handled parchment. The expression of their eyes convinced us every time that they knew just as much after the inspection of our Charter as before. Every visitor ought to acquaint himself with the status of the Lodge before he calls to make the visit, and if he neglects to do that it is his own fault, not that of the Lodge. The clandestine Lodges are not so plentiful in our country and any Mason who reads a Masonic journal, or the Proceedings of his own Grand Lodge, which every Mason should do, can easily find out where there are such, or which Lodges his Grand Lodge forbids him to visit.”

M. W. Bro. Abbot Rodney Heywood, (Ogden,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, (Salt Lake City,) G. S.

VERMONT.

95th Communication, Burlington, June 13th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Alfred A. Hall, G. M.

On the state of the Craft, he says :—

“ The year has been a prosperous one. Never since I became familiar with the workings of the different Masonic organizations, have I seen a more earnest desire manifested, not only to excel in ritualistic work and ceremonial, but to become better posted in the law and philosophy of Masonry, and to turn out material qualified to stand the test of an overseer's square that should measure the mental and moral worth of the man.

When such a spirit becomes universal throughout our state, the Masonic

organization will have no critics, but its membership will be greatly increased and the good it can accomplish will be incalculable.

My Brother, if your Lodge has been careless in this respect ; if its membership is looked upon as of doubtful character ; if the best men in your society feel that by attending your meetings or associating with some of the members they are bringing upon themselves the reproach of the world, it is time that earnest, honest effort was exhibited. It is your duty to reclaim the erring if possible ; make your meetings models of decorum ; select the best material presented, and purge it of everything that is unbecoming a society founded upon the grand principles of Truth and Justice, Virtue and Morality."

He appears to have done his duty in full :—

" During the year I have made fourteen official visits to Lodges ; performed the installation ceremony once privately, and twice publicly ; assisted in the presentation of a jewel ; attended three district meetings ; convened the Grand Lodge on two funeral occasions and for one dedication, and have delivered six addresses.

If time and space permitted I would be glad to speak in detail of the welcome given us by Mount Anthony Lodge and its hospitality ; of the pleasure we had there in meeting M. W. William R. Burleigh of New Hampshire, Past Grand Master Parkham, who came as the representative of the Grand Master of Massachusetts, and M. W. Charles H. Robinson of North Carolina ; of the efforts made to reach the summit of Jay Peak with brethren of Masonic Union Lodge, and how we were driven to seek shelter from the storm in a rude shanty where a Lodge was extemporized, the third degree worked and an address delivered ; of the pleasant occasion at Hartford when United Brethren Lodge celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary ; of the beautiful hall at Brattleboro, dedicated to MASONRY, to VIRTUE and UNIVERSAL BENEVOLENCE ; of the days imprisoned at Jacksonville by one of the *great storms*, and the entertainment of our good brethren there ; of the interest manifested at district meetings ; and of the excellent work I have seen and of hospitality extended, and loyalty and good will everywhere exhibited.

If questions have sometimes perplexed, tiring the brain ; or if long journeys through drifts and snow, have been wearisome to the flesh, the meeting of Brothers has always cheered the heart and given encouragement for the work before us, and the only regret is that the stern demands of business have prevented my visiting all the Lodges in the jurisdiction."

Among other things, he laid the corner-stone of the Bennington Battle Monument, designed to commemorate the victory achieved by the Patriot forces over the British forces on August 16th, 1777. We might discourse here on the impropriety of Masons commemorating strife, but we forbear. In the ceremony we notice that the Grand Master, after using the elements of consecration, solemnly dedicated the stone to virtue, loyalty and patriotism ! We do not know where he got his ceremony, but it is the first time we ever heard of a *stone* being dedicated to anything.

The Grand Secretary reports that every Lodge in the Jurisdiction has paid up all dues and arrearages.

A resolution to secure a nucleus for a Masonic temple fund was voted down.

Canada for 1887 receives due notice.

M. W. Bro. Alfred A. Hall, (St. Albans), G. M.

R. W. Bro. Lavant M. Read, (Bellows Falls,) G. S.

VIRGINIA.

11th Communication, Richmond, Dec. 11th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. W. F. Drinkard, G. M.

He formed four new Lodges. The cost of their new temple will be not less than \$130,000, or \$14 for each affiliated Master Mason in Virginia, and the Trustees have made more than \$50,000 of that sum by judicious investments. We quote two of his decisions :—

“ In Virginia membership, like initiation, must be of the petitioner's own free will and accord. A Brother raised in a Lodge has the privilege of declaring himself a member of it. If he neglects to do so at that meeting he becomes a non-affiliate. Under like circumstances he becomes a non-affiliate if raised in a Lodge in another state at the request of a Lodge in this state. But if the Lodge in Virginia surrenders jurisdiction to a Lodge in another state, the Brother is under the law of that state, and must petition as a non-affiliate for membership in Virginia.

That a Tiler, though a member of the Lodge he tiles, takes the office *cum onere*—that is to say, knowing that it is his duty to be at all times “without the door.” And as he cannot, without neglecting his duties, hear what is said for or against a petitioner, and therefore is not qualified to vote unless he knows the petitioner personally, he may be excused from voting on a petition for the degrees. Nevertheless if he claims the right to vote it must be accorded to him.”

A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of establishing a Masonic Orphan Asylum.

In the Report from District No. 12 we find the following :—

“ The recovery by Kilwinning Crosse Lodge of a second installment of the jewels and regalia stolen from the Lodge room in Port Royal during the late war by raiding Federal soldiery, through the efforts of Brother Emory Packard, of Paul Dean Lodge, Easton Mass., affords a pleasing illustration of the value of Masonic principles. The correspondence had in effecting this restitution led to the interchange of Masonic courtesies and of fraternal and personal intercourse between the brethren of these two Lodges mutually pleasant and beneficial.

These jewels and regalia on account of their antiquity and associations, are exceedingly interesting and valuable, having been brought over from

Scotland along with the original Charter of Kilwinning Crosse Lodge, under which it was established, as the second Lodge in the Colony of Virginia. They are perhaps the oldest Masonic emblems in this country. Their acquisition, therefore, is a matter of congratulation to the Craft in this state.'

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. W. F. Drinkard, and notices Canada for 1888. He is against perpetual jurisdiction over rejected candidates, and we are glad to learn that his Grand Lodge has never claimed it. In proof that there was a Past Master's degree, Bro. Drinkard says:—

"We have before us a pamphlet containing the By-laws of Manchester Lodge, No. 14, in Virginia, as "passed February 3d, A. D. 5821," "printed by John Warrock, printer to the Grand Lodge of Virginia." The first By-law provides that "the Lodge shall be assembled in the First Degree" on the first Saturday of *every* month, and on the anniversaries of the Saints John; "a Lodge of Fellow Crafts shall be held" in September, November, January, and March; and a Lodge of Master Masons in October, December, February, and April. Article V. is headed, "Of Passing, Raising, and Advancing to the Degree of Past Master." Another article provides that no fee shall be required for conferring "the Degree of Past Master," but "the candidate or candidates shall nevertheless pay the expenses of the *Lodge* called to confer it." Not "meeting" notice, but "*Lodge*." The list of members shows that there were three "Past Masters elect" and eleven in the "Past Master's Degree." Three of the Officers were recorded as "Fourth Degree." Nine members were Master Masons, two Fellow Crafts, and six Entered Apprentices."

M. W. Bro. Robert T. Craighill, (Lynchburg,) G. M.
R. W. Bro. William B. Issacs, (Richmond,) G. S.

WASHINGTON.

31st Communication, Port Townsend, June 13th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Joseph Smith, G. M.

He formed five new Lodges and declined a petition from Alaska.

It is not necessary in this Jurisdiction that a Master should have previously served as Warden, Query? Is not this a violation of an ancient landmark?

The Grand Master decided that an Officer could not be installed into office while under charges. In this we think he is wrong. He assumes the accused to be guilty beforehand, contrary to the well known rule that a man must be presumed to be innocent until he is proved to be guilty. It would be an easy matter for the unsuccessful candidate at an election to prefer charges against his successful opponent, and under this

rule, to prevent him being installed. We all know how deeply chagrined the unsuccessful candidates sometimes are, and we would not expose them to the temptation of being able to harass and annoy the elected party. The charges of unmannonic conduct may be properly prosecuted whether the accused is in or out of office, and full justice done in the premises, without violating the wholesome rule of presumed innocence.

On the state of the Craft, Bro. Smith says :—

“ It affords me great pleasure to report to you that our relations with other Grand Lodges in communication with us are of the most friendly and harmonious character. Masonry in our own jurisdiction was never in a more prosperous condition than at the present time. Peace and harmony prevail in all our Lodges, and our prospects for the future are bright and encouraging. Thousands of people are coming to our territory to make permanent homes, and amongst them we find many influential men, and many good and true Masons are affiliating with us. Our ranks are rapidly filling up, and the roll of members of our Lodges lengthening. In order for us to keep pace with the rapid strides of prosperity with which we now are blessed, is for us to enact good and wholesome laws, keep the outer door closely guarded and see that none enter but such as are duly qualified and will be an honor to our beloved institution.”

“ The Washington Monitor and Freemasons’ Guide to the Symbolic Degrees,” is the title of a little volume issued recently from the office of the Grand Secretary.

They have 50 Lodges and 2,103 members, showing an increase of 167.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended that the decision of the Grand Master which we have noticed above, be not concurred in, and their report was adopted by the Grand Lodge.

The following was adopted :—

“ *Resolved*, That no Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall receive the petition for the degrees of Masonry from any person engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.”

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and notices Canada for 1887. Bro. Reed does not believe in perpetual jurisdiction, nor that Grand Lodges should interfere in Scottish Rite quarrels.

M. W. Bro. Nathan S. Porter, (Olympia,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, (Olympia,) G. S.

WEST VIRGINIA.

24th Communication, Parkersburg, November 13th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Charles H. Collier, G. M.

On the necessity of intellectual development in Masonry, he has the following good remarks :—

"In my judgment one great need in our Subordinate Lodges is a pure literature. There is not a Lodge in this jurisdiction within my knowledge that can boast of a Masonic library or a library of Masonic and literary books. Having visited many I have failed to find one, and, therefore, make this declaration with some degree of certainty. The means of making Masons intelligent are not from Masonic sources.

We fall into error and overvalue our machinery when we suppose that the routine duty of the Lodge and the recital of the ritualistic work will meet the demands of our natures. The growing mind will seek other associations, and it will not be long before the many will be known as Masons by attendance at the annual meetings only. This is in great measure present experience.

It is our work to develop the intellect as well as the conscience, uniting the two into one nature so as to produce an unclouded mind with fidelity to principle which constitute the highest type of manhood.

How wonderfully incomprehensible, yet true, is the individuality of Free Masonry. The unity of her relations is not disturbed by the telescope of the astronomer or the pick of the geologist. There are no theories to be overturned, and therefore she feels no scientific evolution. Whatever is developed as truth in the triumphal march of civilization shakes not her foundations, while the theories of many institutions, after the combat for superiority has ended, crumble into dust.

These are questions upon which the world is agitated to-day. The true Masonic mind will sift out the error and retain the truth, provided the means of obtaining a knowledge of the world's history, the progress of humanity, the development of science and all kindred questions are placed within his reach. Such knowledge can only be obtained from books. But there are hundreds of them that ought to grace the shelves of every Masonic library. Masonic histories and works upon the seven liberal arts and sciences are eminently proper.

The night a Brother is raised to the degree of Master Mason, he is launched upon the world—a finished Mason. Could we but fix in his mind that the ritual is but the alphabet upon which he is expected to build the temple of his Masonic knowledge, Freemasonry would become a subject of investigation, and would command the respect of the highest intelligence. The many would learn. Let us, my brethren, foster these means of making our membership the recipients of all that is good in knowledge that each may grow in wisdom's ways, and live as God intended man to live."

He ruled against the propriety of holding fairs and festivals in Masonic halls ; also, against erecting a building to be jointly occupied by the Masons and Oddfellows. He decided that the Grand Lodge could not be opened in Special Communication in each of two towns upon the same day, these towns being 300 miles apart, but on this subject the Committee on Masonic

Jurisprudence and the Grand Lodge differed from the Grand Master, holding that at these Special Communications the Grand Master is usually represented by proxy, and there could be several proxies engaged in special Masonic work at the same time. We think, however, that the Grand Master was right. The Grand Lodge has to be opened on each of these occasions, and how the same body can be in two places at once passes our comprehension.

Grand Master Collier formed two new Lodges, and on the state of the Craft he says:—

“ It is a matter of great congratulation that in all the districts reported there is a steady growth in interest as well as membership. But few of the Lodges are passive. The influence of Freemasonry is growing with the growth of the state. These hill tops and valleys are destined to be covered with the homes of a million people who are to be fed morally as well as physically, who are to give to the world the products of coal, iron, salt and lumber which nature has so lavishly bestowed upon us. The workmen on the hill tops, in the valleys, in the mines and on the rivers are to become the representatives of our Order. As the smoke ascends from the furnaces in the metropolis of our young and growing Commonwealth, as the pick of the miner away down in the dark mine severs the black diamonds, as the axe of the woodman resounds through the forest, all telling of future wealth and luxury, of peace and happiness to many homes, so will the riches from the mines of Masonic lore be developed, thereby strengthening the bonds that make us a happy people.”

Grand Lodge decided that an objection to the initiation of a candidate, communicated privately to the Master, should be as effective as a black ball.

The following report was adopted:—

“ Intemperance is unmasonic, and we insist that every Subordinate Lodge SHALL strictly and diligently discipline any member or members, within its jurisdiction, who shall, so far depart from the teachings and instructions of Masonry, as to become intoxicated or drunk by the use of spirituous or malt liquors, or drinks of like character, thereby betraying the trust committed to him or them and disgracing the cause of Masonry.”

Bro. O. S. Long has prepared a digest of Masonic law for local government, which received the approval of the Grand Lodge, and each Lodge was ordered to procure three copies.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. George W. Atkinson, P. G. M., in which Canada for 1888 receives due notice.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Thomas H. Logan, who was Grand Secretary for seven years and Grand Master for three years. He was a faithful christian, a cultured man and a distinguished citizen.

M. W. Bro. Gustav Brown, (Charleston,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. Geo. W. Atkinson, (Wheeling,) G. S.

WISCONSIN.

44th Communication, Milwaukee, June 12th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Eugene S. Elliott, G. M.

The year has been quiet, but prosperous, and the Craft were never more harmonious. The Grand Master refused to grant a dispensation to allow a Lodge to join with the G. A. R. in ceremonies of memorial day, or to participate in a parade to a reception to President Cleveland. We wonder at the ignorance that would make such requests.

In the report of the Grand Secretary, he says:—

"I have been especially favored for the past two years by the continued presence and watchful supervision of the M. W. Grand Master. That Officer having scarcely failed for a single day, when in the city, from calling at the office of the Secretary."

What a nuisance he must have been!

The Grand Master was authorized to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for charitable purposes in cases of emergency.

The schools of instruction held by the Grand Lecturer have been better attended than heretofore.

Resolutions were proposed to appropriate \$5,000 towards a Masonic home and to levy a tax of forty cents per capita, but as two-thirds did not vote in their favor they were not considered.

The installation of Officers was peculiarly interesting, the P. G. M., not conveniently finding a monitor, improvised the service, making appropriate addresses to each Officer.

The report on Correspondence is by Bro. Duncan McGregor, and notices Canada for 1887.

M. W. Bro. Myron Reed, (Waupaca,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. John W. Laflin, (Milwaukee,) G. S.

WYOMING.

14th Communication, Laramie, December 4th, 1888.

M. W. Bro. Nathaniel R. Davis, G. M.

Five Lodges represented out of ten on the roll.

This is a new and small jurisdiction, whose Lodges are few and the distances between them great. One new Lodge was formed.

New South Wales was recognized.

No less than five resolutions were voted down; one to make visitors produce their last receipt for dues; a second to give extra pay to the delegates from Lodges in the Northern portion

of the Territory ; a third to prohibit non-affiliates of over two years' standing from visiting ; a fourth to change the time of meeting to November ; and the fifth another proposal in favor of the Northern Lodges.

A special Committee was appointed to adopt a ritual and select a custodian therefor.

The Grand Secretary reports on Correspondence and notices our Proceedings for 1888.

M. W. Bro. William Daley, (Rawlins,) G. M.

R. W. Bro. W. L. Kuykendall, (Cheyenne,) G. S.

CONCLUSION.

The Proceedings which have been received are those of the following Grand Lodges, fifty-three in number, namely :—

Alabama.....	1888	Montana.....	1888
Arizona.....	1888	Nebraska.....	1888
Arkansas.....	1888	Nevada.....	1888
British Columbia.....	1888	New Brunswick.....	1888
California.....	1888	New Hampshire.....	1888
Colorado.....	1888	New Jersey.....	1889
Connecticut.....	1889	New Mexico.....	1889
Dakota.....	1888	New York.....	1888
Delaware.....	1888	North Carolina.....	1889
Dist. Columbia.....	1888	Nova Scotia.....	1888
Florida.....	1889	Ohio.....	1888
Georgia.....	1888	Oregon.....	1888
Idaho.....	1888	Pennsylvania.....	1888
Illinois.....	1888	Prince Edward Island.....	1888
Indiana.....	1888	Quebec.....	1889
Indian Territory.....	1888	Rhode Island.....	1888
Iowa.....	1888	South Carolina.....	1888
Ireland.....	1889	Tennessee.....	1889
Kentucky.....	1888	Texas.....	1888
Louisiana.....	1889	Utah.....	1889
Maine.....	1888	Vermont.....	1888
Manitoba.....	1889	Virginia.....	1888
Maryland.....	1888	Washington.....	1888
Michigan.....	1889	West Virginia.....	1888
Minnesota.....	1889	Wisconsin.....	1888
Mississippi.....	1889	Wyoming.....	1888
Missouri.....	1888		

Those not received are Kansas and Massachusetts.

All which is fraternally submitted,

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

Collingwood, Ontario, Canada,

June 3rd, 1889.





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